



To: Chairman Jim Hoops, Vice Chair Brian Lorenz, Ranking Member Munira Abdullahi & Members of the House Development Committee

From: Kevin L. Futryk, Executive Director, County Treasurers Association of Ohio

Re: Proponent Testimony re: HB 86

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Chair Hoops, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Abdullahi, and members of the House Development Committee, my name is Kevin Futryk, and I serve as the Executive Director of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony to you in support of HB 86.

As you know, a county treasurer's primary responsibility is to collect property taxes, and their goal is always to collect all that is owed. Unfortunately, in many counties across the state, there are a number of vacant and delinquent properties that are sitting abandoned, impacting the neighborhoods where they are. Since 2008, many counties began to take advantage of a new law that allowed a county to create a county Land Bank that enabled the Land Bank to acquire these abandoned parcels, clear the title on the property, and prepare the parcel for reuse or redevelopment. To date, 70 of Ohio's 88 counties have Land Banks. In each of these counties, the county treasurer works closely with the Land Bank with the purpose of getting these abandoned and delinquent parcels back on the tax paying rolls, for the benefit of the entire county.

For several years now, the County Treasurers Association of Ohio has worked closely with the Ohio Land Bank Association on reforms and updates to Ohio's Land Bank statutes. HB 86 is the result of these conversations, and we thank the Ohio Land Bank Association for addressing all the concerns/issues we had with the updates and reforms they were seeking. Because of this, the County Treasurers Association fully supports the favorable passage of HB 86.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 86.