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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chairman Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify alongside Representative Lorenz in support of House Bill 266.

Each of us has heard from constituents who are hurting from the drastic rise in property taxes, especially over the last 4 years. I commend this body for what we have done so far to address this issue, but I urge my colleagues to recognize the urgency for further action. My constituents continue to reach out asking for immediate relief.

The legislative process can be slow, but the need for property tax relief is critical. H.B. 266 offers a practical step forward by providing a \$300 tax credit for homeowners who have owned and lived in their homes for at least one year. This credit would be available for five years, offering temporary support while we work toward comprehensive, long-term reforms to Ohio's property tax system.

Though modest, this tax credit aims to ease the burden on homeowners as we develop more permanent solutions. Ohioans are being taxed out of their homes and properties, and we must act to address this crisis.

Thank you for hearing our testimony on H.B. 266. We are happy to answer any questions at this time.