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Chair Roemer, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 613, my Joint Sponsor and I were receiving feedback from taxpayers, and we were happy to join together to work on this policy change. Representative Click has already talked about what the bill does and its need so I will keep this brief.

This bill, though, is another reform that complements what the General Assembly has already done with the five bills signed into law in December. HB 613 addresses much needed change in our overall tax system to serve our taxpayers by modernizing the tax appeals process through implementing firm deadlines, promoting transparency, and establishing taxpayer protections.

Both the Department of Tax and Board of Tax Appeals do great work throughout the appeals process and the intent of this bill is to work with them to create a system that serves the taxpayer effectively and cultivates the structure needed for both organizations to do so successfully. We look forward to continued collaboration with them and other interested parties.

In short, H.B. 613 will:

- Establish a timeline for appeals with the Ohio Department of Taxation and Ohio Board of Tax Appeals
- Define the role and available information of the Problem Resolution Officer
- Require annual report on appeals and audits from the Department of Taxation
- Expedite refunds and lower the costs to property owners for appealing