

**Senate Local Government Committee
Proponent Testimony
Senate Bill 104
5/28/25**

Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Senate Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony today on behalf of Ohio REALTORS®. Founded in 1910, Ohio REALTORS® is the state's largest professional trade association, representing 35,000 members engaged in residential and commercial real estate, as well as auctioneering and appraisal. Our members are not only committed to helping Ohioans achieve the American Dream of homeownership but also to advancing the overall well-being of the communities in which they live and work.

Ohio REALTORS® is dedicated to fostering a strong housing market and a vibrant state economy. With members active in every region of Ohio, we have a deep understanding of the unique characteristics of our local communities—including the increasing role of short-term rentals in driving tourism and local economic growth.

Senate Bill 104 is a critical step toward supporting Ohio's tourism industry while ensuring appropriate community protections. We commend the ongoing collaboration of this committee and the many stakeholders who have come together to address key issues in a balanced and constructive manner. We are especially appreciative of the committee's willingness to listen to the diverse perspectives of those impacted by this legislation.

We believe the thoughtful revisions under consideration reflect a fair and responsible balance between local authority and the protection of private property rights. Ohio REALTORS® thanks the sponsors and stakeholders for their continued work on this important legislation. We look forward to continued collaboration as Senate Bill 104 advances through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Scott Williams
Chief Executive Officer
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