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**Ohio Senate Local Government Committee
Proponent Testimony – House Bill 129
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Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Senate Local Government Committee, my name is Nick Ciolli, a Research Analyst with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony for House Bill 129.

HB 129 takes steps to create a more holistic 20-mill floor by including fixed-sum levies (primarily emergency property tax levies and substitute property tax levies) in the calculation for the district's 20-mill floor. The changes made to the bill that incorporated suggestions from Governor DeWine's Property Tax Working Group helped the bill pass through the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

While the bill has no direct impact on county government, CCAO's leadership has been focused on property tax reform for years and commissioners from across the state supported including 20-mill floor reform in the Association's Legislative Platform for the 136th General Assembly.

Including these fixed-sum levies into the floor's calculation will allow the HB 920 reduction factor framework to function properly. When HB 920 works as intended, taxpayers generally see what they expect to see on their tax bills.

Combining HB 129 with the inflationary caps contained in HB 186 and HB 335 will provide taxpayers significant tax reform and will continue progress towards a more understandable, transparent property taxation system.

CCAO would like to thank Representative David Thomas and the House for bringing this important piece of property tax reform legislation forward and for advancing it, and we request that the Senate Local Government Committee consider it favorably.

