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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member DeMora, and members of this esteemed committee, my name is Dan Acton, and I am the Director of Government Affairs for the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association (OREIA). OREIA represents 14 local associations (including the many proud small business owners who are members of the Ashtabula Real Estate Investors Association – AREIA) with over 4,000 members across Ohio. My background includes more than 40 years in the property management and ownership industry. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Senate Bill 43.

We appreciate Senators O'Brien and Lang for introducing SB 43. As true small business owners, we applaud any help to make our properties and business climate more affordable. While the Ashtabula 2% bed tax may seem small on every short term rental transaction, every tax scheme makes it less affordable and less attractive to those travelling to our area. It is refreshing to see the Ohio Senate take a stand on a "temporary" tax that should have ended long ago.

Mr. Chair and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB 43. We would appreciate your support with an affirmative vote.

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