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To Prevent Homelessness, Advocates for Ohio's Future Urges Opposition to House Bill 390

COLUMBUS – Advocates for Ohio's Future, a non-partisan coalition of 500 endorsing organizations across Ohio, opposes House Bill 390, which would make it harder for tenants facing evictions to find ways to avoid homelessness.

House Bill 390 speeds up the eviction process, narrowing the days a tenant has to vacate premises. Eviction notice periods are currently based on business days, but HB 390 would change this to include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays within that three-day count.

Housing is a foundation for economic and family stability. An eviction filing can make it almost impossible for a tenant to rent from other potential landlords. To stem the rising problem of homelessness, it is critically important that tenants must be afforded the full benefit of the three business-day notice to leave the premises.

"Too often, the first communication a tenant gets from a landlord is the eviction notice," said Kelsey Bergfeld, Coalition Manager. "The current three-day notice is a small, but critical accommodation that gives the individual one last chance to take emergency measures to prevent loss of credit, rental history and family stability."

Advocates for Ohio's Future is a statewide coalition of nearly 500 local and statewide organizations that promotes health and human service budget and policy solutions so all Ohioans live better lives.