

## County Auditors' Association of Ohio

66 East Lynn Street • Columbus, Ohio 43215 • (614) 228-2226 • Fax: (614) 228-8901 • www.caao.org

MICHAEL E. YODER

Logan County President

October 31, 2017

House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

JON A. SLATER, JR.

Fairfield County

Vice President

ALAN HAROLD

Stark County Second Vice President

JULIE A. ADKINS Seneca County Third Vice President

Dear Chairman Blessing:

Chairman Bill Blessing

Columbus, OH 43215

77 S. High Street, 13th Floor

WILLIAM D. McFARLAND

Washington County Secretary/Treasurer

FRANCES S. LESSER, Esq. Executive Director

BETTY'S DEVER Assistant Director

THOMAS P. PAPPAS, Esq. Legislative Counsel

On behalf of the County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO) I offer our support for HB 361, currently pending in the House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee, especially if the time provisions are expanded to include the Boards of Revision in all 88 counties. The bill as introduced would increase the time within which the Boards of revision must decide property tax complaints and is limited to the ten most populous counties in the state. County Auditors support the increased time periods for all Boards of Revision. The current law timing is compressed and is difficult for most counties to comply with. We are confident that this change will enhance the decision making process and professionalism of the Boards of Revision in General. The CAAO is pleased to support this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Frances S. Lesser

Executive Director

Frances & Lessen

cc: State Representative Dave Greenspan