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Ohio House Ways and Means Committee House Bill 458 –Proponent Testimony (Written only) Jon Honeck, Senior Policy Analyst

Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Scherer, Ranking Member Rogers, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to express the support of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio for House Bill 458, which authorizes a county auditor to make the second publication of a county delinquent property tax list online, provided the list's first publication continues to be made in a newspaper of general circulation. A similar change was made to Ohio's competitive bidding law (see R.C. 307.87).

The proposed change maintains necessary due process notifications for property owners while giving counties greater flexibility to utilize a means of communication more suitable for the current digital era in which the public is used to finding information online. This change allows counties to save public resources, particularly when they must provide notice for large numbers of delinquent properties.

We urge the committee to favorably report House Bill 458.

Thank you for your attention.



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