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 **House Bill 230 Proponent Testimony**

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Chairman Uecker, Vice Chairman Wilson, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the committee. Since 1947 the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association (OMHA) has represented all segments of the manufactured homes industry serving many low and moderate-income citizens as well as senior citizens.

I am providing a written statement on House Bill 230. Quite simply, we support the bill because it addresses and requires the proper protocols for displaying the Thin Blue Line flag.  HB 230 properly allows the use of the Thin Blue Line Flag for placement on flag poles while dismissing less respectful displays such as window coverings in homes or vehicles.

We agree with the premise of the bill that residents cannot be interfered with if they wish to place a flag pole in their front yard to display the Thin Blue Line flag. However, a Manufactured Park Operator can ask the resident to remove the flag or the pole once the resident moves from the premise.

I believe, the issue of flag and pole dimensions was resolved in past legislation and House Bill 230 has appropriate language consistent with past legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 230.