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November 23, 2020

Honorable Matt Dolan
1 Capitol Square – 1st Floor
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Honorable Thomas F. Patton
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Dolan and Representative Patton:

As the Mayor of the City of Oregon in Lucas County, we have worked closely with the Lucas County Land Bank over the last 10 years to preserve property values, strengthen our neighborhoods, and support economic development goals.

During the past 10 years, our Land Bank has helped to return almost 5,000 previously abandoned properties to productive use and leveraged over \$50 million of public and private investment to strengthen neighborhoods. By using the legislative tools made available to land banks through the Ohio General Assembly's actions, we have made significant strides toward the betterment of City of Oregon and Lucas County.

We are grateful to see that once again Ohio is showing leadership by refining the original land bank legislation from 2009. S.B. 356 and H.B. 755 will enhance our ability to reclaim the tax base in distressed parts of our county as well as improve neighborhoods. We profoundly thank you for your leadership and wholeheartedly support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Seferian
Mayor





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CRAIG A. STOUGH, MAYOR

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Dear Senator Dolan and Representative Patton:

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Here in Sylvania, with the help of the Lucas County Land Bank, we were able to clean up an abandoned pool in a neighborhood that now has a beautiful home in a residential area.

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Craig A. Stough
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Dear Senator Dolan and Representative Patton:

As the mayor of Toledo in Lucas County, we have worked closely with the Lucas County Land Bank over the past 10 years to preserve property values, strengthen our neighborhoods, and support economic development goals.

During the past decade, our Land Bank has helped to return nearly 5,000 previously abandoned properties to productive use and leveraged more than \$50 million of public and private investment to strengthen neighborhoods. By using the legislative tools made available to land banks through the Ohio General Assembly's actions, we have made significant strides toward the betterment of Toledo and Lucas County.

There are many examples – both large and small – where Toledoans have celebrated the work of the Land Bank. May 13, 2020 was a historic day for 2347 Glenwood Ave. in the Old West End neighborhood of our community. That two-story, 122-year-old home was vacant and neglected several years ago, but through the Land Bank's efforts, it was renovated and listed for sale. The home marked a milestone for us, as we celebrated the completion of the Land Bank's plan to renovate or demolish 1,500 area properties, including that residence.

The Land Bank has been instrumental in the redevelopment efforts of large, local landmark properties, including the Pythian Castle, the former St. Anthony's church building, the historic Spitzer building and its neighboring Fifth Third Center and Port Lawrence buildings that sit on or near the corner of Madison Avenue and Huron Street in Downtown Toledo.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Kapszukiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping "W" and a trailing "y" at the end.

Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor, City of Toledo