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Ways & Means Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives, 134th General Assembly
Columbus, Ohio

Re: Substitute Senate Bill No. 112

Chair Merrin, Vice Chair Riedel, and Ranking Member Sobecki:

On behalf of the Ohio Land Bank Association (OLBA) and the 65 county land banks working to strengthen communities across Ohio, I write to ask for your support of Substitute Senate Bill No. 112.

With your support, Ohio land banks have become one of the most efficient and effective resources for Ohio communities and, collectively, serve as a national leader for neighborhood improvement, community and economic development, and affordable housing initiatives. Ohio land banks have generated more than \$1 billion in investments in Ohio communities and improved more than 30,000 abandoned, vacant, and blighted properties, returning them to productive tax use and once again supporting Ohio's communities, schools, libraries, children and family services institutions, and other critical public service organizations – all for the benefit of Ohio residents.

We are proud to represent Ohio's land bank network and ask for your support of Substitute Senate Bill No. 112 in this General Assembly. A hallmark of their success has been the ability of Ohio land banks to be flexible and adapt to the changing needs of the neighborhoods and communities they serve. Substitute Senate Bill No. 112 will improve existing law, allowing it to remain relevant and adaptable to these changing needs.

Earlier this year, the Ohio Senate unanimously approved Substitute Senate Bill No. 112. We hope this bill will find the same support in your committee and on the House floor in this General Assembly.

Thank you for your timely consideration. We appreciate your continued support and the work you do on behalf of Ohio communities and their residents.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bravo
President, Ohio Land Bank Association