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To: Members of the Ohio House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

From: John Leutz, Legislative Counsel

RE: Support for Senate Bill 63 – online voter registration

Chairman Brown, Ranking Minority Member Clyde, and members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 63 sponsored by Senator LaRose.

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) wishes to indicate our support for the implementation of online voter registration in Ohio and the provisions included in Senate Bill 63.

Our members believe that the time is right for Ohio to count themselves among the nearly 30 states that have either already implemented or passed online voter registration. This was reinforced by the ability of the proposed system to verify the applicant's information against the Bureau of Motor Vehicles database to ensure that the applicant is indeed a citizen.

Our members are also persuaded by the fact that registering online saves between fifty cents to \$2.34 per online submission, compared to traditional paper registration.

Finally, CCAO appreciates that the Secretary of State's Office will build and maintain the online voter registration system, and the information submitted will be sent to counties in the same manner as the current online change of address system.

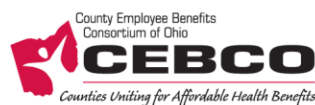
CCAO believes that SB 63 will establish an online voter registration system which will provide convenience to our citizens, be accurate and secure, and not require the counties to incur additional costs for election administration.

CCAO asks for your favorable support and passage of SB 63 authorizing online voter registration in Ohio. Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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