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The Honorable John Kasich
Governor's Office
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, I am writing to express particular support for the sales tax administration provision contained in HB 483 as passed by the General Assembly and now before you for your consideration.

Specifically, the provision, contained in proposed Section 5703.21 of the Revised Code, would authorize the disclosure of sales and use tax return and audit information to boards of county commissioners to confirm vendor compliance with a county's sales and use tax.

This proposal, put forth by Senator Widener in response to concerns from elected officials in his district, would address questions that have arisen over the years as to whether taxes paid by consumers and businesses are appropriately allocated to the taxing jurisdiction levying the locally enacted sales and use tax.

Our Association recognizes your commitment to Ohio taxpayers — both businesses and individuals, which you have demonstrated by your advocacy to codify the Tax Department's practice of notifying individuals and businesses when they have overpaid their taxes along with proactively returning such funds.

We appeal to this spirit of fairness and commitment to Ohio's taxpayers to support the provision in HB 483 which would codify a review process involving the tax jurisdiction(s) when questions arise regarding tax revenue allocation. We urge you to support the provision included in HB 483, and should you and your Administration feel the current proposal could be further refined, we commit to working with you and your staff in the future. Again, we are seeking to address longstanding questions that have arisen over the years in this realm, and we want to partner with your Administration in this resolution.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Dulaney
Executive Director

cc: Director Tim Keen
Tax Commissioner Joe Testa
Senator Chris Widener



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