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Dear Senator [Name],

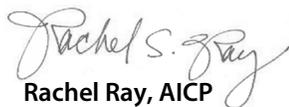
I am reaching out on behalf of the Legislative Committee of the Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Ohio) in opposition to the amendment to Sub HB 110 to change the process for valuation of subsidized residential rental property. APA Ohio supports the goal of providing housing opportunity to households of all ages, races, abilities and income levels throughout the state and urges further debate of this amendment outside of the budget process.

Housing affordability is a critical and timely issue affecting the health and safety of rural, urban, and suburban communities alike. Subsidized rent, low-income housing tax credits, and other similar programs help meet the essential and immediate need of shelter for vulnerable low-income Ohioans across our state. Requiring federally subsidized residential rental property to be valued for tax purposes based on market rent without regard to the effects of government police powers or other governmental action **undermines statewide efforts to encourage development of new affordable housing** and has the potential to limit the impact of existing subsidized housing.

APA Ohio is a statewide, non-profit association of citizens and professional planners committed to promoting and enhancing planning. APA Ohio advances the art, science and profession of good planning to create vibrant communities of lasting value for all Ohioans. We provide best practice leadership, education, advocacy and support for professional planners, citizen planners and public officials. Our areas of practice cover a broad scope from zoning to community and economic development, to the following areas of planning: comprehensive, disaster, energy, housing, infrastructure, land use, and transportation.

APA Ohio welcomes the opportunity to engage as an interested party on future policy deliberations regarding ORC 5715.01, 5713.03 and affordable housing, generally. Should you have any questions regarding APA Ohio's Policy Platform, feel free to contact the Executive Director, Christine Dersi Davis, AICP at info@ohioplanning.org or 330-814-6295.

Thank you for your consideration.



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