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HB 101 Written-Only Testimony
Bryan Long, Ohio Recorders' Association
House State and Local Government Committee
Chair Marilyn John
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Chair John, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Brennan and members of the House State and Local Government Committee thank you very much for the opportunity to provide written-only testimony on HB 101 which provides updates on village dissolution laws. I am Bryan Long and I am fortunate to serve as the Licking County Recorder and as the Chairman of the Ohio Recorders' Association (ORA) Legislative Committee.

The Ohio Recorders' Association appreciates the efforts of Representative Adam Bird and Representative Jean Schmidt to update and provide greater clarity in statute in village dissolution situations. Additionally, the ORA is supportive of the language including the County Recorder in the Transition Supervisory Board.

The ORA is seeking two amendments to the legislation as follows:

- AM_135_0792: Technical amendment to fix incorrect cross-references;
- AM_135_0793: Amendment allows the lot numbers previously assigned to a tract, parcel, or lot of land to continue to be used after a dissolution.
 - This important amendment provides a mechanism to avoid potential issues such as requiring new metes and bounds surveys for legal descriptions or issues with chain of title if the previous lot numbers were no longer permitted to exist.

With the acceptance of these two amendments which address issues identified by our Association the ORA is a proponent of HB 101. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions related to the legislations impact to the role of County Recorders.