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Pat Tiberi, President & CEO of the Ohio Business Roundtable, Statement on Today's Commercial Evictions and Foreclosures Order

"On behalf of the CEO members who make up the Ohio Business Roundtable, I would like to thank Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted for their leadership in issuing this Executive Order addressing commercial evictions and foreclosures. This order rightly sends the message to lenders and landlords to hit the pause button during this health crisis that is quickly becoming an economic crisis. Furthermore, I would like to thank Fifth Third Bank, Huntington National Bank and KeyBank for already working with their commercial clients during this unprecedented crisis and providing leadership to the lending community in our state. Lenders in Ohio – from large institutions like PNC Bank to small, one-branch community banks in rural parts of the state—have been forward thinking in offering this relief. Let's hope that out-of-state lenders will heed Gov. DeWine's directive during this unprecedented crisis. This is yet another example of Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted acting decisively by dealing with these critical issues ahead of governors in other states."

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