



April 1, 2020

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor of Ohio  
Riffe Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 S. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Via: Electronic Mail

Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the more than 33,000 REALTORS operating across Ohio, allow me to express my gratitude and support for today's Executive Order on Commercial Evictions and Foreclosure.

As you know, a vibrant real estate marketplace is critical to Ohio's long-term economic strength. Specifically, commercial real estate is an important cornerstone of our respective communities and the ramifications of the current COVID-19 pandemic are a real threat to our economic stability.

Ohio's small businesses are being severely impacted by the pandemic and your action to suspend rent payments is a critical step to provide temporary relief. Your action today provides an avenue for our small business to survive this current economic climate and be in a position to resume business activity at its conclusion. Just as important, by recognizing the position our large commercial property owners find themselves, with businesses unable to make rent and lease payments, providing them this relief offers a means to maintain these assets and, hopefully, avoid a wave of foreclosure actions that could decimate our communities and business centers.

Thank you for your leadership in attempting to find sensible solutions for borrowers and lenders, ensuring that temporary relief can be provided to those facing financial hardship.

Ohio REALTORS stands ready to work with you in helping to rebuild our communities.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Williams  
Chief Executive Office  
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