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## CAAO ENDORSES PROPERTY TAX WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS AS KEY STEP TOWARD RELIEF FOR OHIOANS

COLUMBUS, OH – The County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO) announced today its support for the recently released Governor's Property Tax Working Group Report, calling the recommendations a critical step toward real relief for Ohio property owners. The CAAO thanks the members of the Working Group for their time, collaboration, and commitment to addressing the growing concerns of rising property taxes across the state.

CAAO President Matt Nolan, Warren County Auditor, stated:

"We strongly support the ideas from the working group. People want real change, and this group has laid out real substantive changes to make Ohio better."

As the elected officials responsible for administering Ohio's property tax system in all 88 counties, CAAO members are uniquely positioned to see firsthand how rising property taxes are affecting homeowners, businesses, and local governments. The association has long advocated for reforms that improve fairness, transparency, and stability in the property tax system.

Lake County Auditor and Property Tax Working Group Member Chris Galloway shared:

"I greatly appreciate the Governor including me on the work group, and commend the Chairs, Bill Seitz and Pat Tiberi, for shepherding the group through a difficult task on a short timeline. Additional kudos for administration staff in the governor's office and Department of Taxation for being very responsive with data and analysis to assist the process. One word of caution for taxpayers - these recommendations are broad and will help reduce tax burdens and limit future growth, but in order to affect REAL, long-term reductions in property taxes, the state - legislators and voters alike, must embrace deep structural reform of government that reduces the costs of delivering services at the local level."

The CAAO looks forward to continuing its work with the General Assembly and the Governor's administration to help shape thoughtful, effective reforms. As this important discussion moves forward, county auditors remain committed to being a constructive voice at the table and a resource for developing solutions that serve all Ohioans. The CAAO commends Governor DeWine for convening the Property Tax Working Group and supporting this critical dialogue on reform.