



# Support Amendment to Update Definition of Hotels to Accommodate the Growth Within the Industry

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**Given the growth of various business models within the hotel industry, updating the current definition is needed to bring parity and ease confusion across various jurisdictions.**

- Lodging businesses in Ohio support local communities, their infrastructure and destination marketing efforts.
- Current law in Ohio leads to disparity from new segments of the lodging industry, as establishments with fewer than five rooms are not considered as hotels, yet they provide the same product - overnight accommodations.

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**Small lodging owners and local governments support the amendment.**

- Lodging professionals who own and/or operate smaller businesses overwhelmingly support efforts for tax fairness because of the benefits and returns produced by investing and supporting those entities which receive the revenue.
- The amendment is supported by County Commissioners Association of Ohio, Ohio Township Association, and Ohio Municipal League.

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**Adopting amendment will provide millions in additional revenue.**

- Under current law, hotel and lodging businesses generated more than \$177 million in local taxes in 2021. By updating the definition, additional dollars to support local and state priorities will be generated.

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