

To: Members of the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee

From: Mike Johnston, VP Government Affairs

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Subject: MMA Support for HB 5766 (Hauck) – Extension of Property Tax Appeals Deadline

MMA strongly supports the amendment to the Tax Tribunal Act to specifically allow a 90-day filing deadline extension as proposed in HB 5766.

The COVID-19 crisis has been disruptive of so many facets of society including the economy. Many manufacturers have been operating as critical infrastructure and many have heroically shifted their operational mission to producing personal protective equipment for healthcare workers and first responders. These operations have been anything but normal, as companies respect the need to minimize activities and staff for the good of society.

The ability to appeal property tax assessment is fundamental to the property tax process. This is equally true for residential property as it is for commercial and industrial property. This bill would appropriately amend the governing statute of the Tax Tribunal to create clarity and equity for all property taxpayers as they exercise their right to appeal their property tax assessments. Moving the deadline 90 days, from May 31 to August 31 for the calendar year 2020 would help protect the right of taxpayers to effectively appeal their property tax assessments.

We encourage your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have questions, please contact me directly, 517-487-8554 or Johnston@mimfg.org