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# Tax Reform

By: NAHB Chairman Granger MacDonald

As House and Senate conferees work to produce a final tax overhaul package, NAHB is urging congressional leadership to produce a conference report that provides the best outcome for home owners, renters and the small business community. I hope you will join the fight.

This report must:

• Adopt the Senate position on the mortgage interest deduction, which retains the principal cap for deductible interest at \$1 million and the deduction for second homes.



- Continue to allow the deduction for interest on home equity loans for home repairs and improvements but under the \$1 million mortgage interest cap. Both the House and Senate bills eliminate this deduction.
- Retain the deduction on property taxes paid up to \$10,000, a provision that is in both the House and Senate

bills.

• Maintain the exemption of capital gains tax from the sale of a primary residence, which requires home owners to live in their home for 2 of 5 years to qualify for the exemption. Both the House and Senate bills extend this time frame to 5 of 8 years. Moreover, the House bill includes an onerous and punitive income phase-out. If lawmakers will not accede to the 2-of-5-year time frame, NAHB will urge

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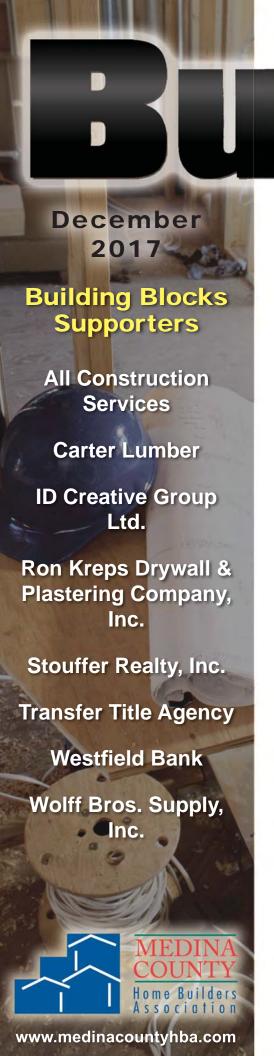
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# 2017 Non-Deduct Dues Percentage

Effective in 1994, payments of dues, or other contributions, to OHBA are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. They may, however, be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses to the extent now allowed toward lobbying expenditures. The OHBA estimates that the non-deductible portion of your dues is 28.4% of \$90 paid to OHBA.



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From all appearances, we appear to have had a pretty solid year for building. A lot to be thankful for. You need to be prepared for 2018 so be sure to attend our upcoming Financial Forecast that is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at Williams on the Lake in Medina. Watch for more details and to RSVP.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our associate members for their support

this year for our golf outing and our spring and fall Parade events. Your participation and assistance has helped make all of these events highly successful and has positively impacted our industry and our builder members. Thank you again for your support and contribution.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday with your families. Let me know if I can be of any further assistance. I look forward to seeing all of you next year.

Respectfully:

Dave LeHotan
Volunteer Executive Director







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V/L Raleigh Blvd: 90x431 (.98 acre lot). \$49,000.

4520 Medina Rd: 2.21 acres across from AGMC Wellness Center - Office/Professional. \$322,000.

V/L Medina Road - COMMERCIAL - 95x288 - Corner of N. Hametown & Rt. 18. \$150,000.

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V/L 93 & 94 Ghent Rd: 9.8 acres. Open, rolling, lake, public water, sewer. \$499,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900 and William Snow 330-990-0256.

#### **GRANGER - Highland Schools**

Western Reserve Homestead: Restrictions -2200 sq.ft. min. Ranch / 2500 sq.ft. 2-story.

S/L 7 Windfall Rd. 2 acres, flat lot. Well/septic. South of Granger Rd. Minutes from 71/271. \$69,900. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

482 Marigold Lane & 486 Marigold Lane: 2 lots remain on road w/cul-de-sac. Public water/sewer, walking distance to Kent State. Bring your own builder. No HOA. \$42,500 each. Rvan Shaffer 330-329-6904.

#### **HINCKLEY**

S/L 26 Crystalbrooke: 2+ acre lot in Highland LSD. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181 and Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

#### **LAKE MILTON**

V/L Ellsworth Rd: 5 acres. Level, wooded, septic, well. \$46,500. Ryan Shaffer 330-329-6904.

#### LODI

V/L Sunset Ave: 3 parcels located on Sunset Avenue in Lodi Village offered for sale as a package deal. \$59,000. Please check with local zoning for intended use. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

#### **MEDINA**

V/L 222 Maidstone Lane - Fox Meadow Country Club: .5 acres. \$59,900.

V/L 226 Maidstone Lane - Fox Meadow Country Club: .5 acres. \$59,900. Mike Stoerkel 330-701-4426.

#### PALMYRA TWP

V/L Jones Rd: 5 acres. Level, wooded, septic, well. \$39,500. Ryan Shaffer 330-329-6904.

## **RICHFIELD - Revere Schools**

Glencairn Forest: Lots ranging from \$75,000 to \$255,000. Breathtaking views. Scenic waterfalls, babbling brooks, lakes, stunning homes. Water/ sewer, tennis courts, playground. Easy access to 77 & 271. Laura Horning Duryea 330-606-7131 and Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

## SHARON TWP - Highland Schools

1508 Medina Rd.: 3.25 acres. Commercial land. Zoned C2. \$262,500. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181 and Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

Sharon Twp: Approx. 350 acres in Highland School District. 12 parcels with 6 possible entrances. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900 and Gina Luisi 330-814-4747.

**Sharon Hts Development:** 2+ acre private lots in Highland LSD featuring lake, wooded lots & rolling hills. Minutes from 71/76. Bring your own builder. Walkout potential. Well/septic. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181 and Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

## **SHARON TWP -2 NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

Bonnie Glen - 33 beautiful lots available in Bonnie Glen Development. Lots range from 2 to over 4 acres in size. Each lot has something special from ravines, woods or open landscape. Prices starting at \$140's/lot. Spectacular development to build your dream home. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181 and Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.

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HEARING

The House Ways and Means Committee held its third hearing for both opponents and proponents of HB 371 Property Tax (Merrin, D.) to exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold.

One opponent, Matt Nolan, Warren County Auditor, was particularly outspoken on reasons to oppose the bill. After explaining the current local process in Warren already has a mechanism to deal with undeveloped property, he went on to warn the committee of potential impacts of HB 371: more developed lots, developers taking advantage of a now 'risk free' environment, getting rich by sitting on platted lots, and the 'loss' of tax revenue when the land is not reassessed as soon as it is platted to just name a few. His full written testimony is included, and all other testimony can be found at http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/ ways-and-means

Merle Stutzman of Weaver Custom Homes followed with meaningful, well thought out testimony in support of HB 371. Not only did he rebut many of Mr. Nolan's assumptions about builders and developers, he further explained to the committee the positive impacts residential development has on economic development. Additionally, he pointed out the ultimate impact on the price and affordability of housing given the cost of regulation, and supported the effort of Rep. Merrin with HB 371.

In addition to Merle Stutzman's testimony, Vince Squillace, OHBA, had previously testified to the importance of HB 371 during a prior committee.

Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions or comments.





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## February 7, 2018

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There was something about the builders which Mrs Jenkins found slightly worrying

# Thank you Ken Cleveland For Continuing to Make a Difference on Behalf of the MCHBA!

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Ken is a charter member of our association and one of the founding fathers which helped create the Medina County HBA back in 1973 - 42 years ago. Ken Cleveland is our top spike member and has shown unending support for our association and all it stands for. Without his support over the years, the organization may not have survived - for which we are grateful!

We congratulate Ken Cleveland for his continued support of our Association and sincerely thank him for his generous donations. This helps to continue the momentum of growth of our organization and helps us make a difference in our community.



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It's not easy being one of our speakers at the Annual Financial Forecast, however, we are very lucky to have an excellent core of financial experts that can, in fact, help with planning for 2018 and beyond. It's crucial for the success of your business to find out the anticipated economic climate for 2018, how it relates to the local construction industry, and how you can capitalize on that information to grow your business.

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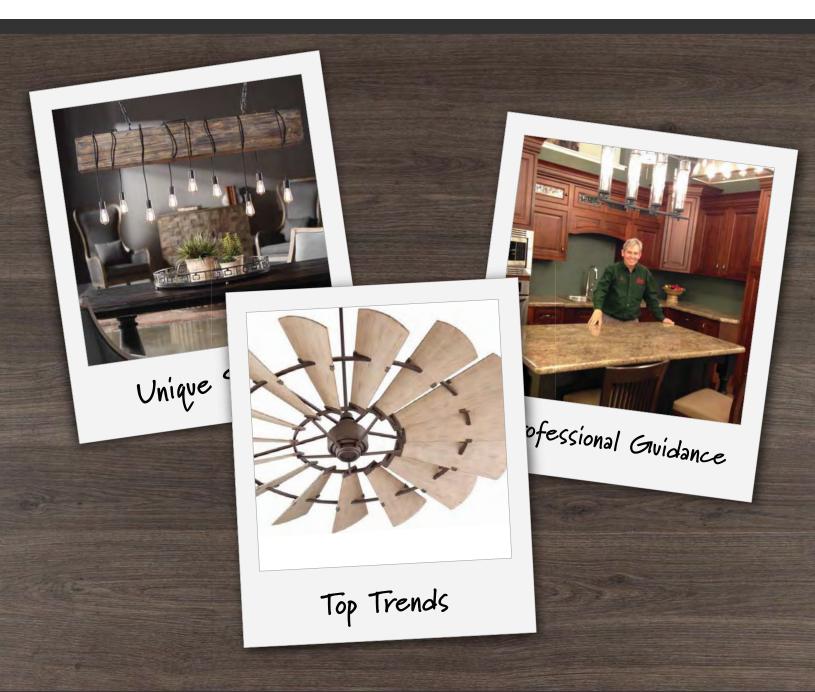


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## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Vincent J. Squillace, CAE Executive Vice President (Cover Story – Continued)

them to adopt the Senate version.

- Retain private activity bonds. While both the House and Senate bills retain the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), the House version eliminates tax-exempt private activity bonds, which would significantly reduce production of affordable rental housing and eliminate the mortgage revenue bond program that promotes homeownership. NAHB calls on lawmakers to adopt the Senate position.
- Accept the House position eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The Senate bill maintains the AMT for individuals and corporations, albeit with higher income thresholds.
- Continue to ensure that passthrough businesses are treated fairly relative to C-Corps.

NAHB is also urging conferees to include an amendment to the conference report offered by Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) that fosters affordable housing development in rural areas. However, to pay for this, it would reduce from 30% to 25% the basis boost calculation for all LIHTC projects. NAHB is working with lawmakers to find a different method to fund it.

As we work with Congress to address our concerns, we are optimistic that NAHB will be able to support the final conference report on tax reform, and that more importantly, it will provide a net plus for small businesses, job growth, and homeownership and rental housing opportunities.

We need your voice. Please contact your members of Congress and urge them to support affordable housing, strong small businesses and tax reform that recognizes the importance of homeownership.

## **OHBA's New Officers**

At our recent board of trustees meeting officers for 2018 were elected. Each of them are eager to serve. Our President is Chris Tsonton of Cleveland; Vice President Tom Daniel of Tiffin and Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wieland of Cincinnati. Our Area Vice Presidents are Enzo Perfetto of Cleveland; Richard Bancroft of Akron; Charles Ruma of Columbus and Mark Zollinger of Wayne County. This is a great group of builders who unselfishly give of their time to serve you as a member of the homebuilding industry.

We are all watching events in Washington DC as the tax bill waddles through the US Congress. We hear of evolving issues as they impact the housing industry as well as the overall economy. With such an intense level of acrimony in DC it is difficult to predict what may or may not happen. Fortunately, our NAHB staff and officers are vigilant and there to help in any way they can. It's a zoo but, more importantly, to have an advocate there fighting for you is a real asset.

We wish NAHB well. OHBA does the same for you here in Columbus. The winds are always swirling and the political arena is, as mentioned above, at times a bit irrational. Hate to reduce it to such terms but it is the arena where many important items are decided. Despite it all, good thing OHBA is there doing the best we can.

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