



State Representatives Ted Celeste & Mike Foley

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Reps. Celeste & Foley Reintroduce Ohio Renter's Protection Act *Legislation Requires Foreclosure Disclosure*

COLUMBUS – State Representatives Ted Celeste (D-Grandview Heights) and Mike Foley (D-Cleveland) today reintroduced the Ohio Renter's Protection Act, bipartisan legislation to help renters avoid being evicted when their landlord faces foreclosure.

"Unfortunately, renters have largely been forgotten during the foreclosure crisis," Rep. Celeste said. "Passing the Ohio Renter's Protection Act will ensure that renters who pay their rent on time and play by the rules are not immediately evicted when their landlord faces foreclosure."

"As Chairman of the House of Representatives' Housing and Urban Revitalization Committee, I look forward to working with Governor Strickland and my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass this important bill," Rep. Foley added.

The Renter's Protection Act would:

1. Require landlords to notify potential tenants if the property they are renting out is currently in foreclosure.
2. Require landlords to notify all current tenants residing in any building if that property goes into foreclosure (within 21 days of the foreclosure filing).
3. Require landlords to notify tenants if a foreclosure is not remedied and a sheriff's sale date is set (21 day notice before sale date). This gives the tenant an equal opportunity to bid on the property at the sheriff's sale.
4. Stipulate that all residential rental agreements convert to a month-to-month rental agreement upon court approval of the sale of the property. This allows the renter at least 30 days to find a new home, compared to the current law which only gives three days notice before eviction.

Speaker Armond Budish (D-Beachwood) has expressed support for the Ohio Renter's Protection Act and named it one of leadership's top priorities for the 128th General Assembly.