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**STATEMENT REGARDING OHIO'S EXTENDED STAY AT HOME ORDER
FROM OSBA CEO MARY AUGSBURGER**

*Regarding the extension of the Director's Stay at Home Order issued by Governor Mike DeWine and Director of the Ohio Department of Health Amy Acton today, the following may be attributed to **Mary Augsburger**, Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA):*

"Once again, we commend Governor Mike DeWine for his outstanding leadership and measured response throughout this unprecedented public health crisis and for the recognition in Ohio's Stay at Home Order that legal services are essential services.

"We continue to work hand-in-hand with our courts to address emergency and time sensitive legal matters and to ensure constitutional rights are protected. Lawyers are also essential in helping Ohioans and Ohio businesses navigate a wide variety of pending and evolving legal matters that have arisen in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

"We stand with the Governor and public health officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and will continue to take all the necessary social distancing precautions and use technology to perform our services remotely wherever possible. We are grateful, however that the order affords us the necessary flexibility to meet our constitutional, statutory and unique professional obligations."

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About the Ohio State Bar Association

The Ohio State Bar Association, founded in 1880, is a voluntary association representing approximately 26,000 members of the bench and bar of Ohio. Through its activities and the activities of its related organizations, the OSBA serves both its members and the public by promoting the highest standards in the practice of law and the administration of justice.