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**OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSIONERS UPHELD DISCRIMINATION
FINDING IN PLEASURE INN SIGN CASE**

Columbus, OH (December 15, 2005) – The Ohio Civil Rights Commission unanimously voted to uphold the probable cause finding of discrimination in the Pleasure Inn “For Service Speak English” sign case at its public meeting today. The Housing Opportunity Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) v. Pleasure Inn, Inc. case, which received national attention, was originally decided by the OCRC in October 2005.

Tom Ullum, owner of the Mason, Ohio tavern, placed the sign in the front window in late Spring 2005. HOME filed the charge with the OCRC on July 11, 2005, alleging discrimination in a place of public accommodation based on national origin. HOME is a Cincinnati fair housing non-profit that has a comprehensive Hispanic program to work with the rapidly growing community in Southwest Ohio, including Warren County where the Pleasure Inn is located.

The OCRC’s five appointed commissioners hear arguments regarding discrimination complaints in its public meeting once every three to four weeks. The OCRC receives and investigates charges of discrimination in employment, housing, credit and higher education on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, country of national origin age, ancestry, disability and families with children.

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