

Written Testimony for Larry Moliterno regarding HB 500 Levy for Permanent
Improvements and General Infrastructure in Townships

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Thank you Madam Chair:

On behalf of Boardman Township in Mahoning County, as an elected official I would like to be able to ask the community how they want their tax dollars spent. A capital and infrastructure levy keeps the revenue generated in a capital budget.

Regardless of the size, every Township has a capital and infrastructure needs. As a reference, Boardman Township has 116 vehicles valued over \$3 million dollars and buildings valued over \$12.5 million. Boardman Township also has roughly 144 miles of roads, over 5,000 catch basins and close to 1 million liner feet of storm water pipe. Having a levy for permanent improvements and general infrastructure would allow the townships to establish a capital budget protecting community assets.

There is no way to do this with current Ohio Revised Code language now for townships. Any levy that is passed is specific to the department and/or open to operating cost. We would like to ask for your support and consideration for adding this ability for Townships across the State of Ohio.

Madam Chair and members of the House State & Local Government Committee, thank you for the time to speak today in favor of HB 500. Myself and the Boardman Township Administrator Jason Loree are here to answer any questions you may have about this legislative request.