



My name is Faye Gibson and I'm the Tax Administrator for the City of Dublin. Chair Schaffer, Vice Chair Scherer, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. I would like to assure you that the City of Dublin is pro-business. There are a number of testimonials on our website ([www.dublinohiousa.gov](http://www.dublinohiousa.gov)) that show our corporate community's appreciation for the way the City of Dublin does business. We value these relationships and strongly feel it is in the best interest of our community to continue to collect net profit taxes locally.

Our opposition to the State collection includes, but is not limited to:

- Lack of local control/erosion of Home Rule;
- Elimination of audit authority;
- Appeals to be handled by Ohio Department of Taxation instead of Municipal Tax Board of Review;
- Cash flow, which limits the ability to accurately project revenue;
- Lack of physical presence to monitor business activity;
- Collection fee, which is higher than the City's costs and violates our local tax ordinance that specifies how these monies are to be utilized; and
- Removes the choice for our local elected officials to determine how best to collect their municipal income tax.

I have personally been involved with the OBG since the inception of withholding being filed through the Ohio Business Gateway. I am privileged to be working with the Gateway Modernization Project team on the municipal tax side. The Gateway should be the vehicle to allow businesses to file a return through their portal, upload one federal return and allocate payment to the proper municipality. The municipality would receive payment the next business day as opposed to the State proposal to collect the tax and remit it quarterly to the municipalities. The State has invested a significant amount of money on this modernization project and it would address both the concerns of businesses and municipalities.

We are adamantly opposed to the State collection of municipal tax profit revenue, but we do ardently support filing through the Gateway portal with dollars remitted directly to the municipalities and retaining the ability to audit as appropriate.

Thank you again and I can take any questions you may have now.