

**Chairman Schaffer and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:**

My name is Marshall Griffin and I am the CFO of Integral Manufacturing, headquartered in Troy, Ohio. As a local business person, I am not in favor of the proposal from the State of Ohio to take control of collection of municipal taxes for businesses.

- As CFO for companies in two Ohio cities, the corporate tax reporting is not overly burdensome or costly. In my opinion there is no benefit or justification for transferring local responsibility to the state level. I would view this the same as pushing state responsibility to the federal government and would equally oppose such action.
- I have experience dealing with the local municipality as a CFO and as a commercial property owner/investor. It has been beneficial to deal with local officials on matters of taxation and services. At times I have had conversations with city employees from the clerical level to the directors level on different matters. If I was not satisfied with the answer I got at one level it was a simple, seamless transition to move to the next level. I believe that if the state were to wrestle control from the local municipality it would add an unnecessary level of bureaucracy and confusion.
- I personally value being on a first name basis with the people on the local level. If I have questions or need to get something done, I can pick up the phone and they will take my call.