

Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Scherer, Ranking Member Rogers, distinguished members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Good evening, my name is Greg Simpson from Milford, Ohio – Clermont County. After serving in Vietnam, I founded my company, Key Transportation from my kitchen table. For over four decades, I've been a part of many industry changes, but one thing has remained the same: the continuous need to get goods transported in order to keep our economy moving.

Even though the size of my company is relatively small, the challenges that I have faced with Ohio's municipal income system are not. Currently, I record, document, and file municipal tax returns in 15 different jurisdictions. And frankly, when I heard about the Governor's proposal to create one centralized tax filing system for the net profits via the Ohio Business Gateway in the state, it made me hopeful that Ohio will continue to move in the right direction and create a more jobs friendly environment here in the state.

As some of you know, operating a business is a difficult job. I deal with all sorts of issues each and every day – and that is part of running a small business. However, when I reflect on the amount of time that I spend each year trying to stay in compliance with tax regulations, making it easier for me to do business goes a long way.

I want to make sure that all of you know, I have the greatest respect for public officials. This includes you, and of course, the hardworking men and women that are elected to serve our villages and cities throughout Ohio. My support of this proposal is one of common sense for me. It is just another way that Ohio can cut through the red tape and layers of bureaucracy.

I humbly ask that you support this proposal and thank you for your time.