

A Nice Place to Call Home

Boardman Township

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Senate Local Government, Public Safety &
Veterans Affairs Committee
Chairman, Joe Uecker,
Vice Chair, Steve Wilson
Ranking Minority Member, Cecil Thomas

re: Testimony for HB 500 on Capital Levy Language for Permanent Improvements and General Infrastructure

On behalf of the Township Elected Officials this Letter of Support of HB 500 is being submitted:

Boardman Township 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 linear 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.

Sincerely,



Jason Loree