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**Proponent Testimony
Ohio Senate Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 29th
Proponent Testimony of Sub. HB 166 regarding the
freeze the phase-out of the Public Utility TPP**

My name is Jeff Dornbusch and I am a Board Member for the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District. I am here today in support of the Public Utility Tangible Personal Property Reimbursement that our school district receives — which effects only two school districts in Ohio who are home to the Davis Bessie and Perry Nuclear Power Plants.

Both Governor Dewine and the Ohio House have included language in House Bill 166 that would freeze the phase-out of the public utility TPP over the biennium. The current phase-out affects two school districts in Ohio — Benton Carroll Salem School District and Perry School District, which are the two school districts home to a nuclear power plant in Ohio. Benton Carroll Salem School District has lost 25% of our school operating budget in the last 2 school years due to the devaluation of the plant by the Ohio Department of Taxation and the loss of the Public Utility TPP reimbursement.

We are thankful they have recognized the massive hit to our operating budget, and are asking for the Ohio Senate to consider eliminating the phase-out altogether.

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Our State Senator Theresa Gavarone has graciously introduced an amendment to the original language in order to make this happen.

To our local taxpayers, the current phase-out represents a 1 mil increase to our local property taxes. Already, our local taxpayers have passed a property increase and we are again asking for an additional 50% of what are tax payers are currently paying due to the devaluation of the Davis Besse Nuclear Powerplant.

Even if House Bill 6 is signed into law, it does not provide any additional funding to our school district nor will it make up for the massive hit we have taken due to the devaluation and the current phase-out of the public TPP.

We are here today to ask for your support of the current language in Sub. House Bill 166 to freeze the phase-out of the Public Utility TPP over the biennium, and to also consider the permanent solution of ending the phase-out that is decreasing funding to our two school districts.

Thanks for your time, I am happy to take any questions.

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