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The Honorable Kirk Schuring, Chair  
General Government and Agency Review Committee  
Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: HB 10 Governor's Office of Drug Policy

Dear Chairman Schuring:

On behalf of the Ohio Township Association (OTA), I am writing to express our support for House Bill 10, which would create the Governor's Office of Drug Policy.

Unfortunately, the opioid epidemic is an issue that's touched every corner of our state and impacted many aspects of our communities and the lives of people that live in them. House Bill 10 is a way to address this growing crisis.

To better manage the epidemic, the Governor's Office of Drug Policy would be charged with coordinating efforts between state agencies and local governments to share information and best practices amongst all involved. This will facilitate drug treatment and prevention efforts across this state and ensure state and local resources are used efficiently.

Townships regularly struggle with resources to provide essential services to residents – the opioid epidemic is no exception. House Bill 10 would be another tool for local governments in combatting this crisis, pooling resources with state agencies to provide the most effective forms of drug treatment and prevention.

The OTA supports the concepts in House Bill 10 and encourages your favorable consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me or Marisa Myers, OTA Director of Governmental Affairs, at 614-863-0045.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. DeTemple  
Executive Director

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cc: Rep. Richard Brown  
Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus