

Cindy Powell, Bennington Township Trustee

Testimony for Township Noise Regulation change to existing language to expand township authority to regulate noise in unincorporated area.

I would like to thank the Honorable Jay Hottinger for sponsoring this bill and I appreciate the opportunity to give testimony for the Township Noise Regulation change. Bennington Township strongly supports the Township Noise Regulation change which will allow a township to regulate noise with only the agricultural uses being exempt. Our township is almost completely zoned Agricultural so the current language doesn't allow us to regulate noise for most of the parcels in the Township.

In the last several years noise has increasingly become an issue and concern for numerous residents to the point that they want to move. They have contacted Bennington Township and the Licking County Sheriff only to be told that there was nothing that we could do. Some of the properties have loud music, parties, shooting and running ATV's at all hours of the day and night. A couple properties have this activity almost every day and night. For property owners and their families that live in proximity to this type of activity it makes it difficult for them to sleep and to enjoy their own property.

By changing the existing language, to what has been proposed, it will give the Township and Sheriff's office the ability to help remedy the noise complaints for Township residents. We would like to thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Powell, Trustee  
Bennington Township, Licking County