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Senate Bill 114 Proponent Testimony
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Chairman Uecker, Honorable members of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Senate Bill 114 today.

A concert venue known as Legend Valley is located within the boundaries of rural Licking Township, Licking County. Last year at the Lost Lands 4 day (Thurs. – Sun.) continuous festival event held there, they advertised and promoted to provide 1,000,000 Watts of Bass sound by various bands, and DJ's, known as electronic dance music throughout the event.

This type of music was played throughout the event and at night as late as 3am and 4am the following mornings when our residents had to work and local students had to attend school.

Licking Township Trustees, various County elected officials, and local authorities received numerous complaints regarding the excessive noise nuisance generated at these concerts.

The constant banging of 1,000,000 Watts of Bass turned up very loud, created an excruciating auditory noise nuisance that radiated throughout various parts of our township and neighboring communities. In some cases the excessive noise disturbance was heard miles away in the city of Heath and also Granville village.

In addition to the noise we had several complaints that the constant percussion associated with the abnormally high amount of Bass shook windows, vibrated items off walls, and set off home security alarms at various home locations in the Jacksontown area.

The problems associated with this venue and the excessive noise issues are getting worse annually. As an elected Township Trustee, it is very frustrating to not have available authority in the ORC to enact reasonable noise limiting regulations to correct this nuisance for Licking Township residents and property owners.

In Conclusion: SB 114 as proposed by Honorable Senator Jay Hottinger would provide the Licking Township Trustees legal authority under the ORC to work with the Licking County Prosecutor's office to develop and adopt regulations to control noise throughout Licking Township in order to respond to Licking Township residents and property owners negatively impacted by the excessive noise.

I thank each of you for this opportunity to provide support testimony today on Senate Bill 114

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the residents of Licking Township: Joseph Hart