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The Honorable Joseph Uecker, Chair
Local Government, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capital Square, 2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: SB 114 Noise Regulation

Dear Chairman Uecker:

On behalf of the Ohio Township Association (OTA), I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 114, which would allow townships to regulate noise within the unincorporated area of the township.

Under current law, townships may adopt a noise resolution to regulate areas zoned for residential use or around a facility with a D liquor permit (§R.C. 505.172) only. As you heard in Sen. Hottinger's testimony, there are instances outside these parameters where a township should be able to regulate noise within its jurisdiction, such as the concert venue he mentioned. However, this issue is not isolated to that circumstance. Expansion of §R.C. 505.172 would allow townships to address issues of excessive noise and be responsive to the needs of residents.

The OTA supports the authority for townships to regulate noise in Senate Bill 114 and encourages your favorable support. Thank you for your consideration of our position. 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: Sen. Jay Hottinger