

I do not support SB 222. I am not writing this using any talking points provided by outside groups either.

In the course of a year, I clean up hundreds and hundreds of auxiliary containers that litter my urban residential property. Magnify that and apply this cleanup to every urban property and you have a huge problem! Elimination or their reduction would go a long way towards resolving this.

While ordinances prohibiting auxiliary containers are not perfect, I generally tend to not support a tax or fee on them, I do however see a need to ban or reduce their use. Local municipalities and their residents are enacting bans to reduce the use of auxiliary containers at the local level. Since the state of Ohio has taken no leadership on this issue, I support the freedom of local municipalities to take action.

SB 222's solution is to create a state mandate, making it illegal for local communities and their residents to do anything. This reminds me of the view that Washington can solve all problems. Now it's Columbus can solve them all by banning residents and municipalities from banning plastic bags.

Remember President Reagan? He had some had some great ideas. One of them was his new federalism approach to reduce "Washington's influence" over the states. Remember that? Let's not do the opposite here in Ohio and create a "Columbus influence" over local government and their citizens that prevents them from tackling the plastic bag, auxiliary container problem. Please do not enact SB 222.

Sincerely,

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