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Ohio House of Representatives  
House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee  
Attention: Chairman Louis Blessing, III

Re: Ohio University Land Conveyance

Dear Chairman Blessing:

Ohio University has determined that the property located at 78 Columbia Avenue, Athens, Ohio and part of House Bill 619 (land conveyance) meets the appropriate criteria for disposition. Furthermore, the university administration and the Board of Trustees have taken the steps to declare this property surplus.

The surplus property was a gift to the university from a former faculty member. The property consists of .55 acres and a single family three (3) bedroom home. The late Dwight T. Mutchler, Sr. was honored as an Ohio University Distinguished Professor of Drawing in 1960. He was an illustrator for more than 24 years in Chicago, IL, before coming to Ohio University. He served as a faculty member for 18 years and retired in 1968. After retirement, he continued to paint. His most famous mural is titled "The Wright Brothers and their Accomplishments".

After disposition, the university will deposit the funds into an endowed scholarship account specifically to meet the request from the donor and establish the Mutchler Painting and Drawing Endowed Scholarship for the Ohio University College of Fine Arts. This goal falls within the core mission of the university and will provide learning opportunities for students in need of financial assistance.

I urge you to support this legislation so that this scholarship initiative can be funded to help deserving students. If you need to discuss in more detail, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



E. David Averion  
Manager of Real Estate Operations

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