

April 25 , 2017

Representative Ryan Smith , District 93
Chair of the House Finance Committee

77 South High Street , 13th Floor
Columbus , OH 43215

Dear Chairman Smith and Honorable Representatives ,

As a citizen of this great State of Ohio , and representing myself , I am pleased to offer this written testimony on the proposed Amendment HC 1793 to the Budget Bill HB 49 which would expand the powers of an Ohio Probate Court Judge over ORC 1545 Park Districts .

I respectfully and adamantly urge this committee to remove Amendment HC 1793 from House Budget Bill 49 .

This amendment does not pertain to the State Budget and therefore should not be part of HB 49 .

This amendment is vaguely worded and is open to interpretation and abuse .

This amendment may violate three articles of the US Constitution and would result in lawsuits for the State if ever enacted .

This amendment would interfere with the separation of powers .

This amendment would serve to limit the freedom of citizens to contribute to the governing of the Park Systems that they vote and pay for through tax levies and to thus suppress the democracy of our state .

Please remove the proposed changes to Amendment HC 1793 from HB 49 for all the above reasons .

Thank you for your attention to this matter .

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