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Representative Stephen D. Hambley
Ohio House of Representatives – 69th District
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RE: Supporting House Bill 255

Dear Representative Hambley:

This letter expresses our support of House Bill 255 and the ability of township police officers to make arrests on interstates.

The current law restricts four Medina County township police departments from policing their townships because the townships have a population of 50,000 or less. We understand that the introduced legislation would remove that limitation. Those township officers hold the same certification as city, sheriff, and state highway patrol officers and, at times, serve as backup for those officers. Because of the interstates that run through Medina County, it makes sense to remove the population restriction and allow them to act in the full capacity of law enforcement. They want to be able to protect our citizens and we want them to be able to uphold the law.

Thank you for introducing the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Geissman".

Patricia G. Geissman
President
Board of Medina County Commissioners

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary D. Hubbard".

Gary D. Hubbard
Director
Medina County Drug Task Force

c: Senator Larry Obhof, Jr.

Representative Terry Johnson, Chair of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security