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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. We are writing to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Brunswick Hills Township. We are in support of House Bill #255 as presented by Representative Hambley.

Brunswick Hills Township is located at the northern end of Medina County and we are neighbors to the South West of Cuyahoga County. Interstate 71 passes through our Township and has rest areas when traveling both north and south, approximately 6.7 miles.

The Board of Trustees and its residents empowered our Police Department to conduct law enforcement activities within the Township under section 4500 of the Ohio Revised Code. Revenue from traffic tickets are limited with most of those dollars going to support the maintenance and repair of the County Highway system.

Our police officers patrol this area however, are limited with their powers under the current rule. With the amount of traffic passing through our Township on any given day and with the opioid epidemic we are currently facing, our police officers need to be able to write the necessary speeding violations and make those arrests without question. It is important to our community that the Police Officers are able to fully participate in coordinated drug interdiction efforts as well as perform other important public safety functions.

We urge you to put public safety first and support this Bill.

Cordially,

Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees