

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is John Mitchel from Beavercreek. I thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I recently had the distinct privilege to attend the Xenia Republican Women's Club meeting where I received a thorough briefing on HB 488. I'm here today to rise in support of that legislation. Although I did not read the entire bill my support is much broader and deeper than can be explained by a detailed legal understanding of the bill. For as long as I can remember, local, state and federal governments have been trying to deceive the citizen class on the cost and value added of services provided by government. And part of that deception is the disingenuous wording in "replacement" levy language approved to characterize levies before elections and on the ballot on election day. Even a casual analysis of the current practice goes a long way to explain why characterizing replacement levies as no increase in taxes was, is and always will be a clever ploy to conceal the facts unless of course the General Assembly passes HB 488 which would make ballot language much more transparent. Therefore, I rise in support of HB 488. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Respectfully,

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PS: I'm not sure if I can be present for the hearing as I have other commitments later in the day on Tuesday, but in any case, please consider my testimony.

John Mitchel

"The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the tolerance of those they oppress."

Frederick Douglass, August 3, 1857