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Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Beagle, Ranking Member Tavares, and members of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about Senate Bill 210.

Auxiliary containers are items that are made for consumption, protection, or the transportation of goods, including plastic or paper retail bags, glass bottles, and aluminum cans. Many of these products are created right here in the state of Ohio. Maybe it's the desire for additional funding, maybe it's for some other reason, but across the country municipal corporations are enacting measures to prohibit or tax these items. While municipalities wishing to limit plastic in landfills and increase recycling have the right intentions, trying to solve the problems municipality by municipality is the wrong approach. This bill benefits both consumers and businesses alike by eliminating confusion and maintaining the uniformity of regulation. Having to follow many different regulations is difficult and costly to businesses, and leads directly to increase in prices and potentially a decrease in worker pay.

The Ohio EPA with its creation of the "Ohio Solid Waste Management Plan" has the responsibility and the expertise to decide the best course of action for the state regarding increases in recycling and the regulation of materials, and should be able to do so without the interference of the municipalities. Recycling and re-use are keys to Ohio's Solid Waste Management Plan and single-use container consumption should continue to be discussed. But, any change should be lead through private efforts and statewide initiatives.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration and would be happy to answer any questions.