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Dear Chairman Oelslager, Chairman Callender, Vice Chairman Scherer, and Ranking Member Cera:

I am writing to you all today to urge your urgent passage of Senate Bill 310 so our city can access the dollars passed in the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to cover our costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. By sending this first disbursement of \$350 million to Ohio's local governments, the City of Findlay can begin the process of recovery from the initial hit COVID-19 took on our community.

Year to date the City of Findlay's Revenue is down \$1.2MM from last year and expect this gap to increase over the two months. With the initial funding received from the CARES Act we will be able to ensure our revenue is relatively stable and not make drastic changes that could negatively impact our community long term.

Senate Bill 310 will begin to build the bridge to our city and our state's economic recovery by distributing much-needed federal aid to Ohio's local governments. Findlay and Ohio's other communities have been on the frontlines fighting this pandemic, experiencing steep revenue loss while the cost to provide quality local services is increasing. SB 310 will ensure cities, like ours, and counties, and townships get the immediate relief we desperately need now.

Following the passage of SB 310, we also urge you and the members of the Ohio General Assembly to ensure the remaining \$850 million is dedicated and used by Ohio's local governments. As our local budget continues to decrease, these remaining funds will play a key role in the continuing the nation's response to both the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis.

SB 310 is a key link in the continued partnership of the state and local response to the pandemic and to the economic recovery of our residents. Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important piece of legislation. I urge your swift action on this bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christina M. Muryn'.

Christina M. Muryn
Mayor

Cc: Representative Cross and Senator McColley