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Senate Bill 333 Written Testimony – August 31, 2020

**Purpose for Testimony -**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill 333. Hello, my name is Scott M. Paul; I am the Treasurer for Franklin Local School District in Muskingum County. My district recently experienced a loss of real estate tax revenue due to the transaction between AEP and ODNR. There were two phases of this transaction and the District lost \$66,118.91 annually during the first phase and are scheduled to lose \$61,864.20 annually during the second phase. The District did receive recoupment of \$22,551.40 due to ODNR classifying the land use as wildlife. Therefore, the District is losing approximately \$105,000 annually due to the transaction. The District understands that the transfer of the land is going to allow community benefits for many years to come, however we don't believe that it should be at a cost to the District's students.

**Proposal -**

During a time where our District is receiving flat state funding, unfunded mandates, and increased deductions to our state funding, we ask that State Legislators help reduce another cut in our funding. Please support Senate Bill 333. Thank you for taking the time to read our testimony in support of Senate Bill 333.

Thank You,  
Scott M. Paul, Treasurer  
Franklin Local School District