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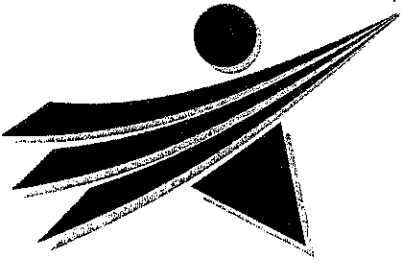
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Testifying on Bill Number: SB 333

Testimony: Verbal Written Both

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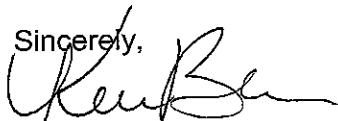
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The Honorable Frank Hoagland
Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Ohio Senate
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: SB 333 Testimony –

Chairman Hoagland, and members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for your attention today, as I share with you my support of Senate Bill 333. I am Kellie Brown and I serve as a shared Superintendent of the Guernsey and Muskingum County Boards of Developmental Disabilities. My concern today is in regard to the States recent acquisition of land in southern Muskingum County commonly known as the AEP Recreation Lands. I have been a Superintendent for the past 13 years and I fully understand how property values and corresponding taxing affects our budget and our long range planning for the services we provide to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. As you are most likely aware, County Boards use local dollars to support early intervention, school-age programs and to draw down federal Medicaid dollars to support home and community services. The transfer of this land to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources results in loss of tax revenue for local taxing entities. Although this bill will not make local taxing entities whole, its passage will temper the negative effect of the acquisition. Our Board appreciates your consideration of this impact to local government levy resources.

Sincerely,

Kellie Brown, Superintendent

cc. Mike Norman, Board President

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Providing opportunities utilizing public and private supports to live, learn, work, and play in the community.

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