



WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

SB 204

December 10, 2019

Chair Dolan, Vice Chair Burke, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write in support of SB 204.

SB 204 would authorize the creation of an airport development district for the purpose of funding public infrastructure improvements and attracting airlines and additional flights to a qualifying airport.

Under this bill, certain regional airport authorities would be authorized to create an Airport Development District, or ADD, once the approval of 60% of the property owners located within the ADD has been obtained along with the approval of the Director of Development Services.

These ADDs would be used as a means to generate economic development and revenue for airport infrastructure improvements as well as other means of attracting airlines and increasing the number of flights in and out of an airport. This would benefit surrounding communities as businesses can be influenced as to where to locate based on whether or not that local community is close to an airport.

SB 204 would help Ohio and its local communities stay competitive with the rest of the nation in attracting and retaining air service. We want to thank Sen. Schuring and Sen. Sykes for recognizing the benefit this legislation would bring to Ohio's local communities.

Thank you for your consideration, and we urge for your favorable passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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