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To Ohio House Civil Justice Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Fulton County Commissioners in support of HB 518 to establish a countywide municipal court in Fulton County.

The proposed County Municipal Court would encompass the boundaries of Fulton County. There are no geographic features affecting the ability to the public to access the court or its services. Wauseon is the county seat and currently houses the Western District Court of Fulton County. Swanton currently houses the Eastern District Court of Fulton County. Current judicial officer staffing levels including the Court's use of Magistrates, acting Judges, and assigned Judges;

The establishment of a countywide Municipal Court to be served by a full-time judge and to replace the two existing county courts to operate that court would result in savings both monetarily and in staff efficiency.

We appreciate your consideration of our requested change.

Respectfully submitted,

Vond T. Hall
County Administrator
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