



**State Representative D.J Swearingen
District 89**

Sponsor Testimony

HB 377

Chairman Oelslager, Vice-Chair Plummer, Ranking-Member Sweeney, and members of the Finance Committee, Rep. Hall and I thank you for bringing HB 377 up for sponsor testimony. This legislation makes sure that all communities in Ohio have access to Covid relief funds, and marks for appropriations in FY 2023.

Changes total funding from only FY 2022 with 422 million, to include FY 2023 and increase total funds to 844 million. These funds have been allocated from the federal government, given to Ohio to help communities recover from the pandemic. This bill makes sure that townships are also included in the communities eligible to receive these funds from the federal government. Any funds left over in FY 2022 and 2023 will be carried over for the next fiscal year.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on this legislation today. I will be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.