

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: May 9, 2022

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Hubbard Township Board of Trustees

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H.B. 463

Specific Issue: Abolishment of DAC

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? Written Testimony Only - Unable to Appear

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am a 32 year trustee, and a member of the Trumbull County DAC since 2004, currently serving as Chairman of the Trumbull County DAC. I adamantly oppose H.B. 463 for the reasons stated in the attached statement.

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Ohio House State & Local Government Committee
Honorable Chairman Wiggam
Room 116, Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio

8 May 2022

RE: Opposition to House Bill 463

Greetings Chairman Wiggam,

I am forwarding this communication to you as I cannot appear at your hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 1030 hours.

My name is Fred Hanley, I am a 32 year trustee with Hubbard Township, Trumbull County having been elected and re-elected nine times by my community. I am also a military veteran having served in Africa and the Middle East and have personally witnessed the very worst of humanity and know first hand the importance of public health and its relationship with a nations citizens. I have been a member of the Trumbull County Health District Advisory Council since 2004 and is currently serving my Trumbull County community as Chairman of the Advisory Council.

I rise today in opposition to HB 463 and its attempt to remove the District Advisory Council from the process of selecting members of the Board of Health. While I do not exactly know why this issue has become paramount at this critical time in our States history, but from what I gather, it sounds local and political in nature. With that being said, "we should not throw out the baby with the bath water" but possibly address the issue as a local one as that is not the case here in Trumbull County.

Thanks to the efforts in part by information related by the Ohio Township Association, I have the understanding that the legislation would transfer the Board of Health member selection process from townships, villages and cities to the county board of commissioners. For that reason alone, I offer specific elements of my objection for your consideration and review;

1) Our Health District Advisory Council operates in a very transparent environment with full disclosure to the public that we serve, with all meetings open to the public. Even during Covid, this Advisory Council went the extra mile to insure that everyone that wanted to know anything was well informed and the selection of Health Board members was televised and reported upon by the local media.

2) Funds for the operation of Health Districts are generated through "inside tax millage" from townships, villages and cities and NOT from county commissioners or county boards of commissioners. However, the President of the Board of County Commissioners is a member of our Advisory Council and has a equal vote, along with townships, villages and cities of the district in the voting process. Even if the council has to go into executive committee session because of a lack of a majority of members present to conduct business, the President of the Board of County Commissioners MUST be present to accomplish our responsibilities and duties. To now allow this process to change reflecting only the county commissioners to select members to the Board of Health suggests taxation without representation and further reduces the impact of less citizen/public involvement in our government.

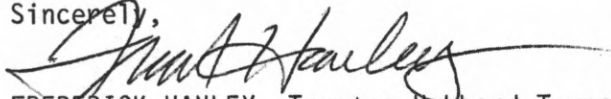
3) As a community that has been faced with the threat of a out of state landfill company trying to locate in our community (Hubbard Township is the first township in Ohio as you travel west from Pennsylvania and our county is the dumping ground for east coast trash and waste brine/oil and gas production drilling wastes from Pennsylvania). Without a very active community selection process here in Trumbull County, where the Health District Advisory Council, through the candidate process actually gets to interview the individuals prior to a vote, the community can see the individuals opinion on any specific health issue. This current process is basic "grass roots government" and should not be changed.

4) As far as transferring the duties and responsibilities from the Health District Advisory Council to the Board of County Commissioners makes no common sense. Currently the Board of County Commissioners have a full plate and I am not sure that they can or should accept additional duties and responsibilities. In our county as an example, our commissioners have yet to appoint two members of our Trumbull Township Association to the County 911 Review Committee (since January of this year) and in Hubbard Township, have yet to approve a simple street/ally vacation that was started in January of this year. The commissioners clearly have a lot to do and I respectfully think adding more responsibility by appoint health board members is not in the best interest of the citizens of our state. The current system works and should not be changed.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and consideration of my comments and concerns with HB463. If you would like to talk more about how we operate here in Trumbull County, please contact me. Also, if you would like to attend one of our Health District Advisory Council meetings, I can make that happen. We have a excellent Health District Advisory Council and we get things done.

Again, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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