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Written Testimony to the Senate Local Government Elections Committee

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RE: Opponent testimony regarding SB 260.

Dear Chairwoman Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

First, I would like to introduce myself as Mr. Chuck Rinkes, Superintendent at River View Local School District in Warsaw, Ohio. [I also sit on the Board of Directors of Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OME-RESA) as the Coshocton County Representative.]

The River View Local School District is a Cooperative Service Member of OME-RESA. OME-RESA Cooperative Services has benefited our district by using their service to purchase our electric and gas for our district as part of the cooperative. This has been a tremendous saving for our district over the years.

OME-RESA, in collaboration with other Ohio purchasing organizations, ensures that Ohio Bid Requirements are followed.

This provides that all service contracts are

- a) Advertised locally, ensuring that Ohio businesses have an opportunity to bid;
- b) Adhere to bid requirements ensuring that Ohio school districts are protected from fraud and provided with the lowest services contract price possible and;
- c) Ensure that Administrative Fees remain in Ohio to be returned to members as rebates, or used to defray membership fees

I believe that SB 260 would undermine state bid requirements and create more ambiguity, confusion and risk of fraud

for our school district. As a school Superintendent/Treasurer, I strongly and respectfully urge you not to move forward with this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony to SB 260.

Respectfully,

C. Rinkes

Superintendent

River View Local School District