

Chair Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member Williams and member of the Senate Ways & Means committee, my name is Patrick Schymanski. I am VP & Legislative Liaison for Elida Local Schools, a medium sized school NW of Lima. I speak in opposition to HB 126.

My concern is for schools like ours that only react to property tax revisions proposed by area business. We have not objected, so far, to any personal property tax revision by an individual family.

I am also a member of the Lima Chamber of Commerce Legislative committee.

If we are required to adopt a public resolution to object to a business proposal to reduce its property taxes, we will be specific in naming the business, the amount of the proposed tax reduction and point out that we are acting to protect other businesses and property owners from unexpected tax shifts that happen when one business has its taxes reduced and the county auditor readjusted taxes to meet approved lev amounts. I ran this thought by the Lima Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee. They understood the rationale but not one favored being publicly named. And, not one really wanted their taxes to go up because another business lobbied for a tax reduction.

They agreed with me that the goal was not to deny a tax reduction that was realistic it they all thought that it should not be publicly debated. They preferred the current system that works well.

I request that for school systems only reacting to a personal or business proposed tax reduction, the requirement for a public resolution be eliminated. Please keep the current process that works well.

Respectfully
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