

Good Afternoon Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Santucci, Ranking Member Upchurch and the members of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee.

My name is Sherri Hamm and I currently live in one of the many houses in Strongsville that will be destroyed should this interchange be forced upon us. My family has resided here for over twenty-four years. Both of my children have lived here all their lives and have tons of memories of their childhood home, as do my husband and myself.

When we purchased this house, we were very particular. One of our demands was a wooded backyard. In order to replace this setting and house, it would be a LOT more than fair market value. More like replacement value, including moving expenses, increased mortgage interest rate, redoing of someone else's house to our liking, among other things. None of these include the stress or burden on our health as we are approaching retirement age. And how do you replace all the memories?

On another note, it is said this is for safety. I ask.....how so? Instead of one place that has issues, Route 82 and I 71, let's make it two places for more accidents, crime, human trafficking, pollution including air, noise and light. What about the safety matter concerning eighteen wheelers going through a residential area with dogs and children playing, and cars trying to pull out of driveways.

My children may be grown but there are small kids all around me. There are older people that have grandchildren at their homes. Do you know that I 71 is in the top five for human trafficking? There is

a reason that ramps are not built in residential areas. So easy to take children or even adults. I know our 5' 2" twenty something adult daughter could very easily be taken from our backyard never to be seen again. Am I suppose to hover over her so she isn't taken right out of what she thought to be her safe childhood backyard.

Still on the subject of safety, do we want another East Palestine with the relocation of an older high pressure petroleum pipeline?

The fact of the matter is that after twenty studies, each finding that this will NOT help the problem, Strongsville is still trying to force the issue and it needs to be stopped now.

Finally, at no time were the citizens of Strongsville or Brunswick given any say in this matter, nor were the people directly impacted by this new law notified of the heartaches to come. So I ask for your support in repealing the interchange at Boston Road by passing House Bill 276.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.