

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: October 2, 2023

Name: Cody Martin

Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Goshen Township Fire and EMS

Position/Title: Captain

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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): HB244

Specific Issue: Goshen Township Fire Station Funding

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? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Please see attached written statement in support of the passing of HB244.

Please be advised that this form and any materials (written or otherwise) submitted or presented to this committee are records that may be requested by the public and may be published online.

Cody Martin

3445 Ingle Road

Blanchester, Ohio 45107

2 October 2023

Ohio House of Representatives (HB244 Hearing)

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you today with firsthand knowledge of the destruction that took place on July 6th, 2022 after an EF2 tornado struck my fire station. This will forever be a day that I remember for eternity.

As the Captain of the shift working the day of the tornado, I am thankful that no lives were taken from us after the devastating tornado that hit our building. As the tornado was tearing through our community I remember trying to account for my people and make sure everyone was safe and accounted for. While doing so, members of my crew and I witnessed the east side of our building collapse right before our eyes.

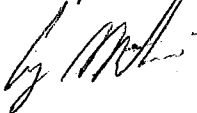
I am asking for your support in the passing of HB244 to allow our township the assistance needed to help fund the rebuilding of our over 40 year old fire station. This funding would allow our township to build a safe and code compliant building for the members of Goshen Township Fire and EMS. This would allow us to better serve the community for years to come.

Without this finding to assist in the gap of insurance coverage, and disaster relief funding it would force our department and township government to make potential cuts in the budget to fund this unplanned project. Our departments operate on nearly all of our annual revenue to provide essential services to our community.

I would appreciate your consideration and support in getting this passed for the men and women of Goshen Township Fire and EMS and the Goshen Township Community.

Sincerely,

Cody Martin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Martin', written over a light blue horizontal line.