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(sent via email)

Ohio House of Representatives
House Finance Committee
Attn: Chairman Jay Edwards, 94th District
77 South High Street, Floor 12
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: HB 315 (TOWNSHIP OMNIBUS BILL) – NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITIES (NCA)

Chairman Edwards, Vice Chairman LaRae, Ranking Member Sweeney, and Honorable members of the House Finance Committee:

Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio would like to offer its support of HB 315, the Township Omnibus Bill, specifically regarding the inclusion of a provision included in the original version of the bill that would allow large urban townships that have adopted limited home rule with the authority to form a New Community Authority (NCA). As a limited home rule Township with a population that now exceeds 50,000 residents, Union Township supports legislation that would expand the ability of the Township to create NCAs in an efficient manner, as to enhance the efficiency of local government.

Union Township seeks to engage in the robust and professional delivery of core services to the more than 50,000 residents and countless businesses that choose to locate here, because the structure of Township Government is both nimble and efficient. Union Township maintains nationally accredited Police, Fire & EMS, and Public Works Departments, all of which deliver outstanding services to our residents and businesses. Furthermore, Union Township continues to engage in economic development initiatives aimed at increasing employment opportunities and fostering an environment that is conducive to fostering a pattern of continuing investment within our community.

The provisions as outlined within the original version of HB 315 would further assist the Township by allowing the ability to create NCAs, responsive to the ever-changing economic development landscape. The ability to create an NCA further enhances the ability of Union Township to continue these positive development efforts within our community, because NCAs have the potential to support additional infrastructure investment and the provision of exceptional public safety services, while also supporting continuing economic development efforts within our community, to the benefit of our residents and businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our continued support.

Sincerely,

Cory Wm. Wright, AICP
Township Administrator