



June 14, 2024

Ohio House of Representatives
Attn: House Finance Committee
77 S. High Street #12
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Edwards, Vice Chair LaRae, Ranking Member Sweeney, and Members of the House Finance Committee,

On behalf of Sylvania Township, Lucas County, I would like to offer support for HB 315, the Township Omnibus Bill. More specifically, the Township respectfully requests the inclusion of a provision that would allow large urban townships that have adopted limited home rule the authority to form a new community authority.

Sylvania Township is a Limited Home-Rule Township with a population of 50,679 (includes incorporated and unincorporated areas). The Township emphasizes responsive service, sustainable economic development, professional and timely zoning services, and collaboration in an increasingly complex and competitive economy.

Specifically, Sylvania Township has an established history of working productively with local partners such as Lucas County, the City of Sylvania, Sylvania Schools, the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District, and many others. As an example, Sylvania Township and the City of Sylvania have successfully worked to implement a Joint Economic Development District over the past five years.

As a Limited Home-rule Township with strong organizational structure, responsive services, and a collaborative approach to development, Sylvania Township is well-positioned to advance responsible community development through legislation that provides Limited Home Rule Townships the authority to create a New Community Authority.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. We are glad to provide additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Oliver Turner
Township Administrator

