



GALLIA-JACKSON-VINTON JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on House Bill (HB) 1.

My name is Jamie Nash, Superintendent at the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District, also known as the Award-Winning Buckeye Hills Career Center. Our career center is in Southeast Ohio and is the Career Technical Planning District lead for 3 counties and 6 districts. In addition, we operate an Ohio Technical Center (focused on Adult Education), which serves 4 primary counties, including Meigs and 6 secondary counties.

Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District opposes HB 1 because it results in a significant tax increase for residential and agricultural taxpayers, as well as a loss in local tax revenue for schools and local governments. According to the Fiscal Note from the Legislative Service Commission (LSC), the following changes will occur from a statewide perspective as a result of HB 1:

- \$929 million annual **tax increase** for residential and agricultural property taxpayers;
- \$157 million annual **tax decrease** for business and commercial property taxpayers; and
- \$538 million annual **decrease in local tax revenues** for schools and local governments.

The specific fiscal impact of HB 1 on Gallia-Jackson-Vinton Joint Vocational School District is simple. The projections indicate a \$269,000 +/- per year loss to our district. We operate the career center on the 2-millage floor, and we have no plans to ask taxpayers for additional millage. We manage our district utilizing a conservative business model and we don't expect our families to pay additional taxes. We provide a service that works for our stakeholders, without taxing them repeatedly. This needs to stop, not continue. Our families' and district are disadvantaged. We cannot afford to lose \$269,000 +/- per year and put that additional burden on our residents while also expecting them to carry the burden of the proposed property tax modifications within HB 1. If we lose \$269,000+/-, our district will have two options, RIF staff or pass a levy. We will not entertain passing a levy on an already overtaxed community. If we RIF staff our students will then carry the burden for HB 1. I wanted to make sure the committee understood HB1's impact on our district, taxpayers, community members and more importantly our kids.

Chair Roemer and members of the committee, thank you for your time and attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie L. Nash', written over a white background.

Jamie L. Nash  
Superintendent