

My name is Jim Heuer. My wife & I live at 180 Normandy Dr in Brunswick, OH with our two children and have for over 20 years. The letter is in support of S.B 155 that would repeal section 5501.60 of the Revised Code. This is in reference to the proposed freeway interchange at Boston Road in Brunswick, OH. My home is .4 miles from Boston Rd as the crow flies. The official study indicates that my home will not be affected. That is ludicrous. Boston Rd is a 2-lane road now. It would need to be at least 5 lanes with a massive increase in traffic, commerce, and pollution. No way do we go unscathed by this. Our way of life after 20 years would be completely changed.

Secondly, this was originally designed to reduce the traffic at Royalton Rd aka State Rt 82. The study concluded 8 out of every 100 cars getting off at Royalton Rd continue to Howe Rd and make a turn. Removing 8 out of every 100 cars will do very little--dare I say nothing--to alleviate the traffic at 82 & I-71.

The clarion call of "this is done in the name of safety." is false and facetious. In fact, doing this will make things more dangerous. In order to satisfy this interchange a jet fuel line that runs to Hopkins International airport will have to be dug up, moved and replaced. The potential dangers are numerous and terrifying. Won't we learn lessons from East Palestine? Clandestine riders passed with little say so? Legislation passed by one city that harms another. Items removed from a bill by the Ohio State Senate and then put back in during committee with zero regard for location opposition.

What is going on here? This is no way to solve a complex problem. No offense to you all but legislators are not engineers. Let the experts who have done this, who have studied this, who have experienced this continue. NOACA and ODOT are the best resources here, not the House & Senate. Support this legislation. Repeal the bogus section of code. Enable the experts to do what they do. Have open transparent proceedings. Find a just & equitable solution. In short, let us act like Americans not like 3rd world despots who prefer a might makes right ideology. We are better than this.