

Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the transportation committee:

I strongly support Senate Bill 155. I moved to Strongsville when my husband retired from the military in 2012. I am from Germany, a U.S. citizen as of December 2017. I wanted to live in Ohio as it reminds me of my home in Germany. In Germany we have a lot of people, but we have sidewalks and on our street, there are no sidewalks and the speeders are outrageous. I could not imagine how bad it would get with an interchange at the end of our road. It would make our street like a highway and would be extremely unsafe for me and my two young teenagers driving and especially dangerous when we walk our dog.

I am very concerned for the safety of the neighborhood as well if an interchange and eventually everything else like gas stations and strip malls would come into our neighborhood. I plan on living here in Ohio for the rest of my life and we have invested everything we have in our home. We would never recoup the money we have invested in our quaint 1200 square foot home if the neighborhood was changed by an interchange. Many of my neighbors are very upset about this as well. Some of them have lived on this street for 80 years. My husband has spoken up at every city council meeting and it seems like our city does not care about our neighborhood. Even our ward 2 councilwoman was very opposed when an interchange exit may have been put near her house in 2018, yet she fully supported an interchange exit in her ward when it was not near her house. Please help us with this matter and vote to repeal the law that would force an interchange into our residential neighborhood.

Mrs. Nicole Wilford