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Subject: Testimony supporting SB 155

To:

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Thank you Chairman Kunze, Vice-Chairman Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee for allowing me to speak before you today. I am Joe Delsanter, Councilman at Large, Vice-Mayor Pro-Temp and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee for the City of Brunswick, Ohio in Medina County. I began my service to the people of Brunswick in 2003 and for the the majority of my service as Chairman of Planning and Zoning. I also reside in one of the developments adjoining the Boston Road corridor within the area currently distressed by the future effects of ORC 5501.60.

I have not been a proponent of an interchange since the beginning of my tenure on council because it had no data supporting traffic relief as was stated when passed. The fact that 5501.60 exists imposes inappropriate stress on Federal, State and Local highway funding. The impact of a statute that forces into the budget of area coordinating agency's is impractical when side stepping best practice procedure's. Historically this region had already decerned the interchange to be unacceptable by the local governments and surrendered encumbered funding to NOACA for repurpose.

The border of the County/Municipality's is a two lane country road peacefully joining our communities. Their is no major commercial developing that can fit into this tightly residential corridor yet an interchange forces redevelopment of the road to accommodate commercial traffic taking out homes in a healthy economically stable area and reducing peaceful neighborhoods to noise laden, crime risk areas. This cost is without benefit was badly contrived. The passing of ORC 5501.60 is unwarranted and creates catastrophic outcomes without any consent by the effected stake holders. This statute must be repealed and ask for passage of S.B. 155.

Thank you for allowing me to address the committee.

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Delsanter