

Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke and ranking member Antonio and Members of the Transportation Committee:

This is my witness testimony in support of SB 155 to repeal ORC 5501.60 requiring an interchange to be built at Boston Road in the City(s) of Strongsville and Brunswick, Ohio. ORC 5501.60 was enacted in such a haphazard manner and will not accomplish what Mayor Thomas Perciak claims is the intended purpose. The feasibility study by the City of Strongsville clearly states that this interchange would not alleviate any traffic and, in fact, would cause more traffic hazards on Interstate 71. Mayor Perciak has an ulterior motive for this interchange and it is not traffic related. There has been absolutely no other studies or avenues pursued in order to address the traffic issue in the City of Strongsville; namely at How and Route 82 (Royalton Road). You have previously heard abundant testimony in support of SB 155 and when the City of Strongsville had the opportunity to testify to support their views, there was no appearance. I believe this lack of testimony from the City of Strongsville speaks volumes. The way ORC 5501.60 was enacted was less than transparent and should be repealed and I believe this wholeheartedly.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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