

Good Morning Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and the members of the Transportation Committee.

My name is Sherri Hamm and I currently live in one of the many houses in Strongsville that will be destroyed should this interchange be forced upon us. My family has resided here for over twenty-four years. Both of my children have lived here all their lives and have tons of memories of their childhood home, as do my husband and myself.

When we purchased this house, we were very particular. One of our demands was a wooded backyard. In order to replace this setting and house, it would be a LOT more than fair market value. More like replacement value, including moving expenses, increased mortgage interest rate, cost of the redoing of someone else's house to our liking, among other things. None of these include the stress or burden on our health as we are approaching retirement age. And how do you replace all the memories?

On another note, it is said this is for safety. I ask.....how so? Instead of one place that has issues, Route 82 and I 71, let's make it two places for more accidents, crime, human trafficking, pollution including air, noise and light. What about the safety matter concerning eighteen wheelers going through a residential area with dogs and children playing, and cars trying to pull out of driveways.

My children may be grown but there are small kids all around me. There are older people that have grandchildren at their homes. Do you know that I 71 is in the top five for human trafficking? There is a reason that ramps are not built in residential areas. So easy to take children or even adults. I know our 5' 2" twenty something adult daughter could very easily be taken from our backyard never to be seen again. Am I suppose to hover over her so she isn't taken right out of what she thought to be her safe childhood backyard.

Still on the subject of safety, do we want another East Palestine with the relocation of an older high pressure petroleum pipeline?

The fact of the matter is that after twenty studies, each finding that this will NOT help the problem that Strongsville created and yet they are still trying to

force the issue. All the taxpayers' money that has been spent on these studies for the same answer, when does it stop? It will destroy hundreds of homes to achieve the 'real' solution that they are seeking....their ulterior motive of a backway into the industrial parkway that they built miles away from the highway. Hence the backdoor method used to get this into law without following proper protocol and the specific wording to only this location.

Finally, at no time were the citizens of Strongsville or Brunswick given any say in this matter, nor were the people directly impacted by this new law notified of the heartaches to come. It has now been over a year of council meetings twice a month and my husband and I have yet to be approached by either the mayor or our ward representative about the taking of our house. Both see us every other week and I have gone up several times during public opinion yet they can't find it in themselves to approach us. Hard to look the people in the face that you are trying to destroy their home and lives.

How is it that one city can push their wants onto another city and expect them to pay for the necessary alterations such as the widening and flattening of a very hilly road and the expense of moving the pipeline and upkeep of the road? How is it that the Senate threw out this and yet, here we are fighting to have it removed from the transportation bill? How is it that NOACA can vote unanimously against this intersection and here we are? How is it that twenty studies still can't convince Strongsville that this will NOT help their problem? Why have we even been dealing with all the uncertainty and stress for the last year while they sit there at the council meetings smirking at us and not having the common decency to even speak to us, all the while going against what all the powers above them say and not following the proper steps.

So I ask for your support in repealing the interchange at Boston Road by passing Senate Bill 155.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.