

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

I am here to ask that you support Senate Bill 155. We must correct the backdoor attempt to build an interchange at Boston Road and I 71. We live on Boston Road, four houses away from the highway on the Strongsville side. Yes, our home will be taken by eminent domain if the interchange is built. We have been here twenty-four years, raised two wonderful children, four beautiful dogs and have had LOTS of great memories in our home. Because we love our house with a park-like backyard, we have NO plans of moving. This is a wonderful, safe and friendly neighborhood with no commercial properties for miles in each direction. Putting an interchange here would forever change this quiet residential area in a bad way. When there is an interchange built into an all residential area, it invites criminals to have an easy get in, get out. The Cleveland area already has a huge problem with missing children/people. Houses would have to be removed for this interchange, affecting many families like mine with similar stories. I think Strongsville pushed hard to accomplish this so that Boston Road could connect with their industrial park. Their vision is to have the biggest and best industrial park, no matter what the expense or heartache it causes to residents. If this law is not corrected, Strongsville will keep pushing to get their way. Please, I ask you to consider our feelings and support Senate Bill 155.