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Community Revitalization, Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 222
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Chair Click, Vice Chair Mullins, Ranking Member Brewer, and members of the Community Revitalization committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide additional sponsor testimony on House Bill 222.

House Bill 222 focuses on strengthening how Ohio manages solid waste, construction, and demolition debris. This provides a clear process for counties that wish to withdraw from a joint solid waste management district. Under current law, there is no established procedure for withdrawal, which can cause uncertainty and create administrative challenges for counties and districts alike. By putting a process in place, House Bill 222 gives counties greater flexibility to make decisions that best serve their local communities, while also ensuring that transitions happen in an orderly and fair manner.

The bill also improves how we oversee the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction debris. It updates requirements for facilities and operators to help protect public health, maintain environmental standards, and ensure that solid waste is handled responsibly across Ohio. These updates help modernize our system to better reflect the needs and challenges that communities face today.

Overall, House Bill 222 promotes stronger local control, clearer guidelines, and better environmental stewardship. It is a commonsense step to help our counties.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important legislation. I am happy to answer any questions