



HOUSE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE – Interested Party Testimony on SB147

Chairman Click, Vice Chair Mullins, Ranking Member Brewer, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer Interested Party testimony on Senate Bill 147. My name is Donovan O’Neil, and I serve as the State Director for Americans for Prosperity – Ohio.

We appreciate the committee’s thoughtful consideration of stakeholder concerns throughout this process. The amendments adopted by the committee—particularly the three-year phase-in of any new fee structure and the narrow population-based restriction limiting its application to Seneca County—represent a meaningful response to the wide-ranging implications raised by many organizations, including ours.

While SB147 began as a solution to a very local challenge, it had the potential to create broader, statewide consequences. We are grateful to Senator REinekie and Chairman Click for narrowing the scope of the bill and responding with a tailored approach. These changes have addressed our primary concerns, and we no longer oppose the legislation.

Thank you for listening to those voices who raised concern and for working to ensure that state policy remains balanced, responsive, and grounded in practical governance.