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Chair King, Vice Chair Kishman, and Ranking member Sims, thank you for allowing me to provide written proponent testimony on Ohio House Bill 139. This legislation is crucial for the community I represent as a Madison Township Trustee and community I've called home for over 40 years.

House Bill 139 is common sense legislation. I appreciate the work that has been done by our Representative, Thomas Hall, because of situations we have had in our township with hydrants. There have been multiple instances where our fire department has pulled up to a house fire and quickly learned the nearby hydrant didn't work. The situations we have encountered were due to multiple factors, one being lack of service, broken stems and seized threads.

I believe this bill will go a long way in providing the peace of mind to our first responders and our taxpayers that if an emergency occurs and a fire hydrant is needed, that the hydrant in front of their homes or nearby will be operational. This legislation is a great first step for our township and state in ensuring these essential tools are ready at a moments notice. I also believe that the 5-year flow requirement is a fair ask of this bill. This important part can help with ensuring the discharge pressure that comes from our hydrants.

Thank you for your consideration of my support of House Bill 139, I urge support of this legislation and passage.

Brian McGuire
Madison Township Trustee
Board President