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Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative

As **Mayor of Sheffield Village**, I am writing to express my **strong and enthusiastic support** for **House Bill 83**, championed by Representatives Ferguson and McClain. This is more than just a piece of legislation—it is a clear step toward smarter government, stronger partnerships, and safer roads for communities like ours across Ohio.

Sheffield Village is a thriving community, but like many villages, we operate with lean resources. House Bill 83 recognizes the real-world challenges we face by removing the bureaucratic requirement for villages to formally request maintenance and pavement marking from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Instead, ODOT would be required to provide these services **automatically and proactively**, in consultation with our local leadership.

This may seem like a minor change—but for villages like Sheffield, **it is a game-changer**.

It means **quicker response times, better maintained roads, and safer streets**—all without unnecessary red tape. It means our village personnel can stay focused on serving residents, rather than navigating redundant paperwork. Most importantly, it means the State of Ohio is stepping up as a partner in supporting local infrastructure, where and when it matters most.

What makes this bill even more effective is that it **respects local control**. It affirms our authority to approve state activities on highways within our boundaries—a critical principle that ensures collaboration, not overreach.

House Bill 83 is the kind of legislation that **builds trust** between state and local governments. It is practical. It is principled. And it is exactly the kind of support municipalities like Sheffield Village need to succeed.

I urge you to support the passage of House Bill 83. Let's move forward together—boldly, efficiently, and in partnership—for the good of all Ohio communities.

With appreciation for your continued leadership and service,

Sincerely,
Mayor Bob Markovich
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