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Rep. Hall HB 124 Sponsor Testimony

Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Gavarone, and Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Senate Local Government committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 124 otherwise known as "flip the script".

My county in Southwest Ohio is no stranger to the conversation of fighting for what we believe is right. In 2020, just 5 years ago, my county auditor at the time spent years fighting the valuation numbers with the tax commissioner's office over the proposed increases.

This legislation would empower our locally elected county auditors. Again, in my home county, we have had issues over the last 5 years with what sales should be counted and what sales should not. My current county auditor has done extensive reviews and believes many sales which the state has claimed should count towards the market changes should not actually be considered valid. This legislation is not just for bigger counties like mine, but even for our smaller counties, we could see a benefit from this being enacted.

Once again, Chair O'Brien and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 124. We are happy answer any questions the committee may have.