

Chair Patton, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Ohio Senate Transportation Committee,

I am asking for the Ohio Senate to keep the repeal language that is included in Sub HB 54. I am also reminding the Senate that the repeal language passed the Ohio Senate 30-1 in the last General Assembly.

My husband and I have lived in the Boston Knolls neighborhood in Brunswick for 13 years, when we purchased my childhood home that my parents owned for the previous 35 years. This neighborhood is special to us because of the hardworking, loving people who make up this neighborhood, and the safe place it is.

An exit on Boston Road will destroy this area. From a safety perspective, a cost perspective, and a guarantee that this part of our city that we love will turn into a commercialized area, no matter what has been promised. So many people in our neighborhood have paid off their homes, and invested their lives in staying here because we love the community. Studies have shown that an exit at Boston Road will not improve Howe Rd traffic, and as Strongsville continues to build more businesses and homes, there are better options that need to be explored. Please do not destroy our neighborhood. It will devastate more people than you know.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Siders