

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

I am writing as a **proponent** of Sub HB 54. **Please keep the repeal language from HB23** (135th GA) that removes the required the construction of entrance and exit ramps on I-71 in Medina County. This repeal language from HB23 passed the Ohio Senate 30-1 in the last General Assembly.

Multiple studies have shown this interchange will NOT have any noticeable impacts on traffic issues in Strongsville or Brunswick but, in fact, will increase the traffic in residential areas.

In addition to the traffic issues that would not be resolved, there are numerous safety issues involved in building an interstate exit in a residential area. It has been proven that more crime is committed close to highway interchanges as there is a 'quick getaway' route. In addition to potentially more 'porch pirates', I feel car thieves would be enticed to our area as well as pedophiles and human traffickers.

There is also a high-pressure fuel line that runs under Boston Road that would need to be relocated. I am unsure of the cost, or the scope of work involved in doing something like this, but I am sure it is not easy or inexpensive.

Once an interchange is built, the costs associated with maintaining it will fall upon the city(ies) where it is located. Brunswick nor Brunswick Hills has the financial capability of handling those costs as they do not have the income base. The City of Brunswick has been a fiscally responsible steward of our monies, receiving numerous awards, but adding this expense would, no doubt, be paralyzing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony.

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