

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

Thank you all for allowing me to send in a written testimony. I am a proponent of Sub HB 54 , specifically in favor of the **repeal** of 5501.60 of the Revised Code to remove the requirement that the Department of Transportation construct certain interstate interchanges that applies only to I-71 between Route 82 in Strongsville and Route 303 in Brunswick.

My wife and I have lived in Strongsville, and now live in Brunswick very close to Strongsville. We have family and friends in Strongsville. Both cities and communities are wonderful. I do believe forcing an interchange into this area would be detrimental for both communities.

The study done by Strongsville has already shown that an interchange on Boston would not benefit the area of concern. As someone who lives and drives in the area, this seems like common sense. The reason people from outside cities come here is the great shopping and restaurants in the specific area on 82. Adding an interchange in this case, similar to widening 82 earlier, will not alleviate congestion in the long term. It allows more routes for traffic to come in and inevitably run into increasing bottlenecks focused on these popular restaurants and businesses. An increase in input routes does not necessarily mean each individual car would travel through quicker. Instead it could mean more cars and more bottlenecks if we do not following our established procedures of engineering study.

I know communities grow. We have methods to balance that growth for the ultimate benefit of both business and people. Forcing in an interchange, although perhaps not intentionally, bypasses the necessary balance and fairness.

I am asking for your support for Sub HB 54 and the repeal language which will remove the earlier requirement for this interchange.

Thank you,

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