

Chair Patton, Vice Chair Shaffer, and Ranking member Antonio and the Transportation Committee

My name is Michael Kellums, I reside at 3450 Boston Rd, Brunswick, Ohio. My home is 5 houses down from the proposed Boston Rd/I-71 interchange. My wife Shrea and I would surely be impacted if this moves forward. I am firmly in favor of SUB H.B 54 to repeal Ohio Revised Code 5501.60.

When I heard that the I-71 interchange at Boston Rd was being brought up again, it was very concerning. We have lived here for 30 years. Several other attempts

been made, and studies have shown that an interchange at Boston Road would not have any impact on traffic or safety issues at St Rt.82 and I-71 in Strongsville. Then, I found out that an ordinance was going to be placed in the transportation budget to ensure the interchange would take place. I reached out to the State Representative who represents Strongsville who was involved in putting the ordinance in the bill. I asked him if any studies had been completed to justify his actions. He could only reply that a study would take place and that he believes the interchange is needed. He also stated that I should want the interchange.

After months of stress and anxiety. A study that the City of Strongsville controlled was finally made public. It was proven once again that an interchange at Boston Rd. and I-71 would have little to no effect on traffic congestion and / or safety issues at St.Rt 82 and I-71 in Strongsville. But by that time, the transportation budget was passed to include o.r.c. 5501.60 mandating ODOT construct an interchange with specific language pertaining to the Strongsville/Brunswick Boston Rd area.

Professionally, I have been involved in proposing ordinances at a local level. If my research isn't 100% solid, t's aren't crossed, and l's dotted, it doesn't move forward. I must also prove it's for the betterment of the community and not just myself or specific individuals.

I truly believe that the representative who somehow was able to get 5501.60 into the transportation budget got it wrong. No research or studies were done. It was definitely not in the best interest of the community

The area of the proposed interchange on Boston Rd. is 100% residential. As little as 10 to 15 years beautiful new residential neighborhood have been established. The South side of Strongsville and the North side of Brunswick has always been residential.

We have lived here for 30 years and raised our family here. We don't know what the future holds, but we are losing our family home for no

reason was not in our plan.

Boston Rd is a 2 lane rolling, residential road. There are also several hills that are very exciting if you get to them before the salt trucks do in the winter months.

I once again thank all of you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Kellums HOMES NOT HIGHWAY