

Testimony on HB 47

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Thanks to the Chair and Committee members for allowing me to testify. I am Mark Fitzgerald, Vice Mayor of the City of Loveland, Ohio.

I am here to request the population thresholds (25,000 in House version and 35,000 in Senate versions) be removed from this bill. I also suggest the reference to "city" be changed to "municipality." While I represent a city of a little over 12,000 I have to assume there are villages in the State that would benefit from this bill as well.

Our merchants, event organizers and public service/safety forces have a proven track record of running excellent special events which are important to economic development in Loveland as well as to other small communities. This bill will be a tremendous benefit to all of Ohio; especially if all of Ohio can take have access to it.

Thank you.