



The Honorable Ryan Smith
Chair, Ohio House Finance Committee
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

March 28, 2017

Subject: Municipal Tax Collection

Dear Representative Smith;

The proposal for a centralized municipal tax collection system will be a significant cost savings to many service businesses, such as ours. As the need for tax collection grows in the state's municipalities, the cost to our business grows as well. The accounting, record keeping, tax filings and payments have grown exponentially, especially as our business grows within the state.

A single file with and pay to system would be an excellent addition to the state's tax collection program. As an example, we are a union shop and as such work in multiple jurisdictions over the course of a year. In the past, we had to keep track of what unions our workforce belonged to, how many hours they worked within and outside that jurisdiction and pay multiple union locals each job. The Internationals have gone to a single filing/pay to online system that now makes this effort simple, fast, extremely cost effective; saving us thousands of dollars. We envision the same scenario here.

Although the municipal governments are skeptical of this system, we see that this system would benefit these governments in added tax dollars collected, centralized audits and record keeping, saving thousands of dollars in local services cost in each municipality and less enforcement costs as well. We understand the hesitancy in their minds regarding timely payments, good record keeping and ease of communication. However, we think that the cost savings will outweigh the potential issues once the system is in place and refined to work well.

Nothing in this proposal will reduce tax revenue or reduce the compliance requirement. We urge you to support the proposal and utilize these types of letters to support such with the municipal governments.

Sincerely,

David T. Boothe
President