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April 10, 2018

The Honorable Marlene Anielski, Chair
House State & Local Government Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
Riffe Center – 12th Floor
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairwoman Anielski,

On behalf of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC), I am writing to inform you that the OARC Executive Director's recently voted to **SUPPORT** HB 543, sponsored by Representatives Hambley & Perales, that authorizes a county prosecutor to serve as the legal advisor to regional airport authority's, port authority's, and regional planning commissions. It is our understanding that, although this practice was occurring over the years, the authority for county prosecutors to provide this advice and counsel was not specifically authorized in the Ohio Revised Code. HB 543 will correct this problem and each of these regional entities, if they so choose, may obtain legal services from county prosecutors under a contract approved by the local county commissioners.

The Ohio Association of Regional Councils comprises 24 agencies serving more than 1,500 municipalities, villages, townships and counties and representing over 10 million residents of those communities around the state. Regional councils coordinate and work to streamline statewide services at the regional level, leverage federal resources and serve as stewards of the Ohio's limited resources.

On behalf of the members of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils, we appreciate Rep's Hambley & Perales introducing HB 543, and are pleased to add OARC to those organizations that are supporting this measure.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me, or our State Lobbyist Kevin Futryk (Government Advantage Group) with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian O. Martin".

Brian O. Martin, President
The Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC)
Executive Director of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

Cc: Representative Steve Hambley
Representative Rick Perales