



# MEDINA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

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Representative Stephen D. Hambley  
Ohio House of Representatives - 69th District  
77 S. High Street, 11th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6111

RE: Supporting House Bill 255

Dear Representative Hambley:

This letter is to show our support for HB255 providing township police officers the authority to enforce the laws of Ohio on interstate highways.

The Medina County Drug Task Force relies heavily on the township police agencies of Medina County to aid in our drug enforcement responsibilities. The restrictions currently in place on township law enforcement agencies oftentimes limits their ability to adequately render the valuable assistance in identifying and even apprehending drug dealers sought out by drug enforcement agents. The interstate highways traversing Medina County are commonly used by both transient and local drug couriers to transport heroin, cocaine and other illicit narcotics into and through Medina County. The additional resources and assistance that township police officers provide to both the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Medina County Sheriff's Office is paramount in identifying and apprehending the criminal element utilizing our roadways to further their illegal enterprises.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Miller, Sheriff  
Chair, Medina County Drug Task Force  
Operating Board

Gary D. Hubbard, Director  
Medina County Drug Task Force

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cc: Senator Larry Obhof, Jr.  
Representative Terry Johnson, Chair of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security



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Brunswick Police Department  
Brunswick Hills Police Department  
Cleveland Metroparks System  
Hinckley Police Department

Lodi Police Department  
Medina City Police Department  
Medina County Park District  
Medina County Sheriff's Office

Medina Township Police Department  
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Ohio State Highway Patrol

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