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The Honorable Haraz Ghanbari  
Ohio State Representative  
77 S. High Street  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: House Bill 539 – Township Officer Arrest Authority on Interstate Highways

Dear Representative Ghanbari:

We understand that the Bill “allowing” Township law enforcement officers to enforce certain traffic offenses on interstate highways in Ohio is making some headway and perhaps gaining traction after being stalled and debated for the past few years.

Meanwhile, the Township Police Department remains a lead agency in the interdiction of illegal commerce traversing Wood County and specifically Perrysburg Township. Our position remains steadfast: we do not want to overlook illegal activities and/or trafficking of any sort within our boundaries, and we ask for the Ohio Legislature to move forward with revisions to the Code.

We thank you for your efforts in the past and we urge you to move forward to remove the handcuffs currently placed on very capable agencies, such as Perrysburg Township and neighboring Lake Township, and allow our trained professionals to do their job without restraint.

We thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Perrysburg Township Board of Trustees

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