PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Sub. SB 52 Kyle Kuhbander (Allen County) May 19, 2021

Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Committee. I am Kyle Kuhbander and reside in Allen County. I support of Sub. Senate Bill 52 and would like to share our reasons why we support the passage of this bill.

I'll just keep it short and simple on why this bill will do good for everyone in Ohio.

The fact is no normal person will a agree, outside of someone who stands to make personal financial gains maybe, that leaving such large scale developments up to a few unelected people at the OPSB is a good thing. Absolutely no one should have these things shoved down their throats without giving the people of the community or township some say on what goes on around them. If a certain development fits the criteria within a township then they can choose to embrace it. In doing so it leaves no doubt on whether its considered a good thing vs a bad thing for the area. Sure it's not perfect, obviously not everyone will always agree on these but at a minimum it allows the community to have some say. America has never been a country to bow to government overreach from individuals who live outside of the area. This is no different, that's why I support this bill and strongly urge you to promptly and swiftly pass this legislation to restore some decision making back to the ones who will be directly affected. As always your constituents are watching this very closely. We urge you to put us, the residents of Ohio, first vs big corporations.