

Chair Swearingen, Vice Chair Santucci, Ranking Member Upchurch and Members of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Sue Mazzola and I am a resident of the City of Brunswick and live on Boston Road. I am a proponent for House Bill 276 and am asking for your support as well.

We purchased our home 42 years ago with the idea it would be our starter home. As it turned out, we fell in love with this city and our neighbors and knew this was to be our forever home. We raised our three daughters in this home, celebrated holidays, birthdays, communions, graduations, weddings and baby showers. This is not just a house, it is a home that holds my most precious memories. We have invested a lot of money in our home with upgrades and improvements, with the anticipation of retirement soon. I would be distraught to have my home taken and destroyed. To have to find another home in today's market and interest rates high, would financially destroy us.

The value of our home because of the provision 5501.60 put in House Bill 23 has already dropped. Two of my neighbors were unsuccessful in selling their homes when the news of this interchange became public. If we fail to get this bill passed, this will hang over our heads, causing constant worrying of this interchange possibly happening.

I have been to many Strongsville City council meetings and have been met with metal detectors at the door, my purse is searched, and police who stand in the back of the room during the meeting. I have been screamed at by the Strongsville Mayor, all in an attempt to intimidate us. It is extremely stressful to go to these meetings. But a must until we get this provision repealed.

In my opinion, the way this provision was put in was a deliberate move to override NOACA. This was a premeditated move on the part of the City of Strongsville.

I would like to believe that those who voted on that Bill were not fully aware of the impact this would have.

I ask that you please take my testimony into consideration and support House Bill 276.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Sue Mazzola