

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 2/21/2023

Name: Jeremy F. Taylor

Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): St. Clair Superior Development Corporation.

Position/Title: St. Clair Superior Development Corporation

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB23

Specific Issue: Specific language added in the bill that addresses bicycle lanes

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position: See attached

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Ohio House Finance Committee

House Bill 23

Interested Party Testimony

Jeremy Taylor

Executive Director, St. Clair Superior Development Corporation

Chairman Edwards, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Jeremy Taylor, and I am the Executive Director of the St. Clair Superior Development Corporation. We represent the St. Clair Superior, Goodrich Kirtland Park, and Asia Town Neighborhoods on the city's near eastside. (E. 30th to Martin Luther King Boulevard and Payne and Superior Avenue's to Lake Erie. I am also a 20 year resident of the Hough Neighborhood on the city's east side and now a resident of the St. Clair Superior Neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns with language that has been added to HB23, the 2024-2025 Transportation Budget.

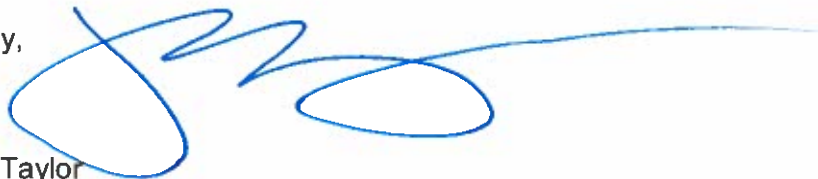
The language reads: "Compels ODOT to establish for the uniform application of the construction of bicycle lanes. Prohibits a bicycle lane in the middle of a street or highway in a municipality with a population over 300,000."

This cannot stand. The Superior MidWay not only adds equitable development to our redlined community, but it also attracts investment into the neighborhood. Investments that have been absent for decades.

As a resident and leader of the neighborhood's Community Development Organization, I have been advocating and waiting for the long overdue redevelopment of community. The St. Clair Superior neighborhood has been waiting for the Superior MidWay. Our organization has advocated for it by speaking with local businesses and the community.

Superior Avenue is a main corridor in our community and increases the connectivity of our neighborhood. By adding this language, you would jeopardize our neighborhoods growth.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Taylor

Executive Director, St. Clair Superior Development Corporation