

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: October 2, 2023

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Goshen Local Schools

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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): HB 244

Specific Issue: appropriation Goshen Township Fire Dept.

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? N/A

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Attached

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Subject: Urgent Request for Assistance in Rebuilding Goshen Township Fire Department Headquarters- HB 244

Members of the House of Representatives,

We hope this letter finds you in good health as Ohio enters the fall months. On behalf of Goshen Local Schools, a close-knit learning community dedicated to the education and safety of our students, their families, and the entire Goshen Township, I am writing to you with an urgent plea for your support and assistance.

As you may already know, over one year ago our community experienced the devastating impact of a powerful tornado that struck on July 06, 2022. The aftermath of this storm left our community to deal with continued adversity particularly concerning the state of our Fire Department headquarters.

The Goshen Township Fire Department headquarters, which plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, their families, and the community at large, suffered extensive damage due to the tornado. Over the past year, it has been determined that the cost to repair the station and bring it up to current building codes far exceeds the building's existing worth.

Furthermore, the escalating costs of fuel, labor, and materials have compounded the issue, making it exceedingly difficult to fund the necessary repairs. As we strive to create a secure and conducive learning environment for our students, it is imperative that we rebuild our Fire Department headquarters in compliance with the essential building codes. The supplemental appropriation in HB244 would assist Goshen Township with the shortfall, between insurance coverage and the cost to bring the station to code.

In light of these circumstances, we kindly request your support of the \$2,500,000 supplemental appropriation submitted by Representative Jean Schmidt in HB244 to assist us in restoring our firehouse to operational status. By doing so, you will play an instrumental role in ensuring the health, safety, and peace of mind of our students, their families, and the entire Goshen Township community.



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Our community has always been characterized by its close-knit nature, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of our students. We firmly believe that by working together, we can overcome the challenges brought forth by this devastating natural disaster and rebuild a stronger, safer Goshen Township.

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration

Thank You,

Brian Bailey
Superintendent
Goshen Local Schools