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20th House District**

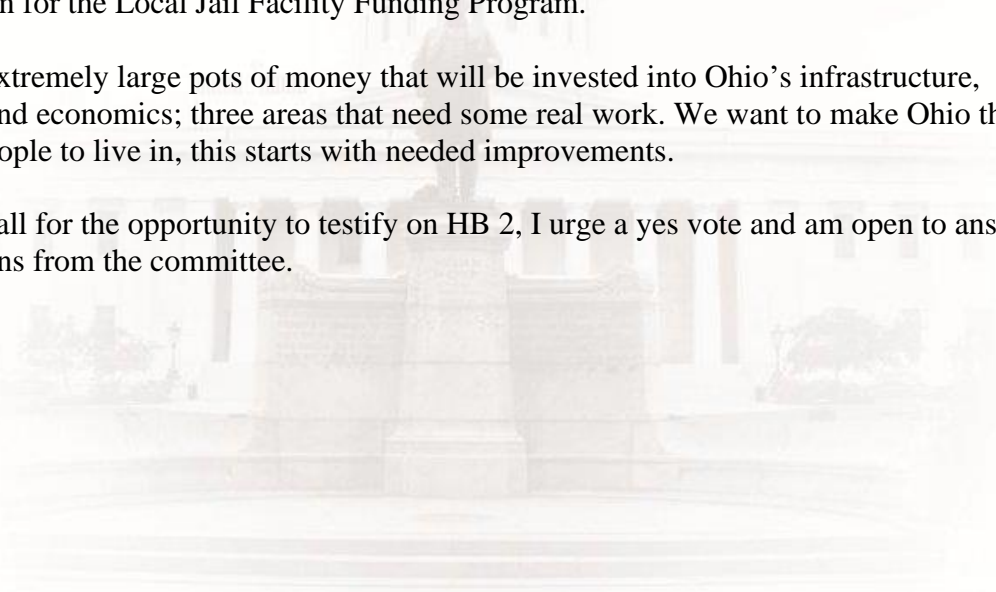
Chair Dolan, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Sykes and the members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 2.

HB 2 will allocate roughly \$2 billion for capital projects using \$350 million from the One Time Strategic Funds and traditional bondable capital budget funding. This gives projects two opportunities to receive needed funding from the State to improve their businesses.

I am proud to announce on the House side, Cuyahoga County was awarded roughly \$43,000,000 from the One Time Strategic Funding. In addition to the strategic funds, HB 2 also allocates \$397 million to our higher education institutions, \$600 million for the Facilities Construction Commission's School Building Program, \$400 million for the Public Works Commission and \$150 million for the Local Jail Facility Funding Program.

These are extremely large pots of money that will be invested into Ohio's infrastructure, education and economics; three areas that need some real work. We want to make Ohio the best State for people to live in, this starts with needed improvements.

Thank you all for the opportunity to testify on HB 2, I urge a yes vote and am open to answer any questions from the committee.



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