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My name is Edward Radzaminski and along with my wife Patti reside at 19 N. Carpenter Rd. in Brunswick, Ohio. We have happily lived there since November of 1999. I am here today to strongly voice my support of Senate Bill 155 which repeals ORC 5501.60 pertaining to an interchange highway ramp on Boston Rd. in Medina County.

You will hear many passionate presentations on this topic. I am compelled to bring my concerns before this committee and highlight the concerns of myself and my neighbors those both in Brunswick and Strongsville. I am also compelled to remind this committee of Governor DeWine's own words about this situation when he stated that the way this all came to pass was outside of the normal processes and how it circumvented past precedence and protocol being inserted into legislation at the 11th hour. It was bad legislation then and now it will take good legislation to correct a wrong served on our community. I trust in this committees ability to absorb all the information set before it.

The driving force behind this legislation was a statement by Strongsville and their representatives that a Boston Rd. exit ramp would help alleviate traffic congestion on Rt. 82 at the I-71 exit ramp and down Howe Rd. Even making the claim that it was mostly Brunswick residents traveling this route causing a majority of the problem and that by constructing a exit ramp on Boston Rd the ramp would relieve them of the traffic problem they have created.

A quick look at Google Earth will clearly show that between Rt.82 and Boston Rd. there are 10 streets on Howe Rd. all before Boston Rd. and they all lead into heavily developed residential neighborhoods. These are all in the city of Strongsville used daily both coming and going by it's own residents. A problem created solely by their own development mismanagement.

Over the past 20 years many attempts have been made by Strongsville to construct an interchange at this location and at every attempt it has been thwarted by residents, public opinion and other government entities. It has been deemed as not viable, costly and ultimately non performing to the end goals stated. Today is no different. Public and community voice in opposition is as loud as ever. The costs have skyrocketed and a recent traffic study funded by Strongsville suggested that the proposed exit ramp might only improve flow by 8%. This is hardly evidence for such a massive and invasive undertaking. I believe this committee is well aware of the recent unanimous vote by NOACA to reject this project and I urge this committee to stand with them in urging the passage of Senate Bill 155

Permit me a few more minutes to speak on another negative to this project and that is the possibility for increased human trafficking. Sadly Ohio has been near the top in this category with the I-71 corridor being heavily used in this heinous crime. People participating in this horrible activity thrive on a grab and go platform. Adding an exit ramp at this location would only increase their opportunities to snatch our children and be long gone before anyone might notice and be able to react. Please let this rest on your hearts for a moment.... Think about your own children and grandchildren.

Let me make this personal. I am 70 years old, retired and on a fixed income. Over the past 20 plus years we have invested our time, money, hearts and souls into our home... our American dream. This is where we have raised our family and celebrated life. We have celebrated life, death, birthdays and holidays. This is where our family feels grounded and safe. If we are forced from our home all this is lost. From a financial point of view I still have a mortgage of 2.75%. Currently the rate is in the neighborhood of 7%. Who will cover the difference? My home owners policy says my value is \$380,000 but since the talk of this interchange Zillow has dropped my value to nearly \$220,00. A massive drop of \$160,000. Who covers that difference? Who will pack my things and move them and who pays for that? My home is ADA compliant who will pay for a new home to be that way?

I want to thank this committee for permitting me this platform and I gladly invite each and every one of you come to my home... sit with me and my wife... absorb what we call home. It is more than four walls and a roof. It might look like so many other structures but the story is not on the outside it's on the inside... it's our home... it's our life.

Thank you for this opportunity and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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