

Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking member Antonio and members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony today. My name is Crystal Riedel. I am strongly supportive of SB155 which repeals ORC 5501.60 requiring an interchange being built.

I live at 32 North Carpenter Rd. in Brunswick Ohio, and have lived at this residence since 2005, when my son turned 1 year old. The way our family found out that this was happening was on a day when my husband was at home ill, and channel 19 news showed up at the door to ask our opinion on how we felt. His response was I don't feel anything since this is the first I have heard of this. We then started to research and found out our "neighbors" to the north (more specifically Tom Patton of Strongsville) slid a bill across Gov. Dewines desk at the 11th hour. No votes, no conversations with our city/city council, just a city trying to correct their city's traffic issues by putting the burden on the next city over. There have been studies done stating that it will not help congestion/ traffic issues in the way they want their citizens and ours to believe that it will. This would be the beginning of destroying our community, not only by taking down homes filled with memories but also it would lead to financial ruin for our city due to the greed of another city. I am sickened to think how this will affect our quality of life as well as my neighbors who are mostly on a fixed income. None of this has been done in good faith, and in closing I would like to again state that I am VEOMENTLY opposed to the destruction of my neighborhood, and my city.

I ask that you take my testimony into consideration and support this interchange exit ramp repeal, SB155.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and please feel free to reach out, as I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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