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Senator Tim Schaffer
Senate Building
1 Capital Square - 1st floor 137
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schaffer,

The Licking Township Board of Trustees, Licking County, in conjunction with the Licking Township Zoning Commission Board, the Licking Township Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Licking Township Zoning Department are asking for your support in retaining zoning rights at the township level.

While we understand the concerns regarding the housing crisis in Ohio and the scrutiny that it has thrust upon township zoning, ensuring that township zoning rights remain protected is now more important than ever. The removal of localized zoning rights would be detrimental to local communities throughout the state because it would deprive them of a voice in choosing policies and regulations that reflect the unique needs, values, and vision of those communities

As representatives of Licking Township, Licking County, it is our firm belief that townships continue to be afforded the right to enact zoning pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 519. Not only does township zoning offer protection of property value for our residents, it promotes efficiency in zoning functions while preserving

the unique characteristics and indenties of each township that makes up the great state of Ohio.

Again, we respectfully request your support in maintaining zoning rights at the township level and ask that you oppose any special interest group or legislation that would suggest eliminating zoning from local control.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Holman
Licking Township Trustee, Chairman

John Cormican
Licking Township Trustee, Vice Chairman

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