



May 5, 2017

The Honorable Marlene Anielski, Chair  
House State and Local Government Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Riffe Center – 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Anielski:

On behalf of our organizations, we are writing to express our support for House Bill 134.

As we understand the bill, it would create an exception to the general rule requiring that proceeds from a county sales and use tax that funds permanent improvements can only be spent on projects within that county. This creates an issue for school districts since they may have property within their boundaries but outside the county where the sales tax is levied.

This exception would allow grants for permanent improvements for school districts to be spent for projects outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district boundaries and provided that the school district has territory within the county collecting the sales tax.

It is important to note that the legislation leaves unchanged the county's authority to levy sales and use tax for permanent improvement grants.

This is especially important in Medina County, which is the only Ohio county currently levying such a tax to fund permanent improvements. We believe that the voters of that county intended for the funds to be available for school districts to address their needs with regard to capital outlay, school buses, and textbook adoptions.

Respectfully submitted,

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