

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

I am writing you today to express my strong support for SB 2317. This bill is a crucial step towards reinforcing the principle of local government control. Local governments are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs and preferences of their communities. By allowing townships to reacquire zoning authority, SB 2317 empowers local entities to make decisions that directly impact their residents. The bill outlines a clear and structured process for townships to regain zoning authority, ensuring that this transition is done in an orderly fashion.

Local control over zoning matters is essential for several reasons:

Responsiveness: Local governments can respond quickly and effectively to the needs and concerns of their residents.

Accountability: Elected Officials at the local level are directly accountable to their constituents, ensuring that decisions reflect the will of the community.

Flexibility: Local governments can tailor zoning regulations to fit the specific characteristics and goals of their communities.

In conclusion, SB 2317 strengthens local governance by providing townships with the opportunity to reclaim their zoning authority. This bill supports the principle of local control, enhances community engagement, and ensures that zoning decisions are made by those who are most familiar with the local context.

I urge the committee for a DO PASS on SB 2317 to advance local control in our state.

Thank you for your consideration

Respectfully,

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