



July 12, 2017

Board of County Commissioners  
101E. Main Street  
Batavia, Ohio 45103

Subject: Motel/Hotel Lodging Tax - House Bill (HB) 49

Mr David Uible, Board President

As a member of the Clermont County Board of Commissioners, I value the opinions and suggestions of all Clermont County townships, villages, cities and residents. Due to recent actions by Miami Township and Union Township Trustees becoming known to me pertaining to a Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax proposed by the Clermont County Ohio Convention and Visitors Bureau included in HB 49, I want to state my commitment to fair and open discussion of all details prior to consideration to enact the subject tax.

As a member of the Board of Clermont County Commissioners I will openly discuss any and all proposal details whereby enactment of this tax would be considered for use prior to request of a motion whereby the said lodging tax increase could be approved. As a member of the Clermont Board of Commissioners, I am dedicated to assisting Clermont County townships, villages, cities and citizens with economic growth opportunities that meet the expectations of elected representatives and residents. I will not enact any increase in the current Clermont County Motel/Hotel Lodging Tax without first fully disclosing all information pertaining to the said use of the additional tax revenue and hearing stakeholder concerns prior to a decision whereby the additional tax may be enacted.

I am requesting that this board direct the Clermont County Administrator to prepare a letter for review, approval, signature and transmittal by the Clermont Board of Commissioners stating our commitment to the townships of Miami, Union, Batavia, and the City of Milford representatives to provide assurance that this Board has become aware of their previously communicated concerns by indirect receipt and that no consideration of the subject tax will be taken without discussions with the listed stakeholders. It is further the intent of this Board that a meeting is scheduled with the aforementioned parties at a mutually agreed upon convenient time and place, including members of the Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau, to provide open discussions of the economic opportunity that resulted in the Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax Amendment being included in HB 49.

Mr. President, I am requesting that his statement, in its entirety, be made part of the official record of this Board of Clermont County Commissioners meeting conducted on this day, the 12<sup>th</sup>, of July 2017.

Sincerely,

David L. Painter  
Clermont County Commissioner

17-0712-002  
7/12/17

## **CHRIS HICKS ORAL REMARKS 7/12/2017 – Clermont County Board of Commissioners**

My name is Chris Hicks. I live at 444 Woodwick Court, Cincinnati Ohio 45255 which is in Union Township, Clermont County. I spoke before you on June 28 and appreciate this opportunity to speak again.

Within my remarks on June 28, I said: "For some time now Commissioner Uible, with at least an awareness of the other Commissioners, has been involved in a secretive scheme to have our county join the ranks of counties, like Hamilton, who subsidize professional sports teams. His plan, which is still secret, involves issuing debt through the port authority for land in Batavia Village in support of FC Cincinnati. It is to be made possible in part by raising the hotel tax across the county which impacts Miami and Union Townships, where most all of the hotels are located."

I am speaking today because my remarks on June 28 were largely hidden from view last time via improper inclusion in the minutes and by the YouTube video of the meeting being lost and showing as deleted. Additionally, the minutes failed to properly note Mr. Uible's saying he holds stock in IHG in response to me reading his written threat to a hotel general manager, sent in a note to me: "I will likely report him to his management if the 1% doesn't go through and he will be fired."

Today, I will not cover most of what I said on June 28 although I stand by each word. I do want to reiterate three points from those remarks:

1. FIRST – Mr. Uible's span of control is too much as head of the County Commissioners, head of the Republican party and a CVB Board member. No other county in our area allows such a span of control. Not even one has a County Commissioner on their CVB.

Clean governance, especially in a one-party county, must have separation of duties. Mr. Uible should have one key role, not three key roles in our county. If he had only one key role, this plan could not have been hidden from the public and other elected officials and he would not have been able to target me as he did by calling a Clermont County Republican Party Executive Committee meeting about me because I dared challenge his secret scheme, deceptions and threats.

2. SECOND - Moving our county to the ranks of those who subsidize pro-sports via land purchases, for FC Cincinnati in this case, is a major strategic decision. It should be being discussed with the public and among all elected officials. While, Mr. Uible is at the center of the secrecy, perhaps without check and balance due to his scope of control, all of the Commissioners were aware of this secret tax deal and the basics of the still secret plan it is intended to support. All Commissioners participated in it being kept from the public and for it not being properly shared with elected officials in the impacted townships. All of you need to take responsibility and do something here to make clear there will be change now and in the future.
3. THIRD - I am stunned, to date, that you, collectively, seem to pay no mind to the hurt and damage, the threats to private employees, the abuse of office and the easily provable lies that have come from these events. These are all warning signs and a some present legal liability. One lawsuit from an employee fired because of the abuse of office

of a Commissioner could have significant cost. As a taxpayer, I demand you address this. As Republicans, doing nothing, violates the core values of our party which include honesty and integrity. I am providing this document that spells out a documented threat and four documented lies. I think they are as or more concerning than the secret plan. It is all swamp and a violation of the voters' trust.

So, what do I ask?

Of course, Mr. Uible should immediately learn from this and take off two of his three hats. In the June 29 press release about the loss of meeting video, Mr. Uible was quoted as follows: "Commissioners place the highest premium on transparency". This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate that "highest premium." His too many hats have been at the core of a fundamental lack of transparency with citizens and elected officials that persists to this day.

Second, I have been told by the CVB that they have an economic impact study, site renderings, a memorandum of understanding, and a non-disclosure agreement for certain. Let's stop this secrecy and game playing between elected officials. I would like one of you **to make a motion or for there to be a resolution that no agreement with a pro-sports organization will be signed and the tax will never be voted on for activation unless and until Miami and Union Township trustees have been disclosed on the secret FC Cincinnati plan and, in their bodies, vote on the plan (yes or no).** Notice, I did not even say they need to approve the plan, but only that they are fully disclosed and have voted. By so doing I am putting you Commissioners on the spot to show a modicum of contrition for the process to date. And, yes, if you refuse, I hope it will stick on you. It is more than reasonable. It is what the voters would expect of you. Collaboration and transparency.

**So, it could be along these lines: We the County Commissioners resolve that the CVB and or the county should not enter into any pro-sports contract and we will not take any vote to activate any hotel tax increase unless and until at least Miami and Union Township Trustees have been disclosed on the plan and have voted on the plan. We will do so to be sure they have full and complete information before any action by us or the CVB and so that we might have their valuable input and insight, as key stakeholders, before we make any tax increasing decisions.**

If you intend to be open and transparent there is no negative impact on you from what I propose. I will ask again for you to have the courage to be on the record. Do you each support, or not, including the two biggest townships in the county in a significant strategic decision much, much deeper than a 1% tax. Effectively, our version of Hamilton County like sports team deals.

I will pause here for any questions or responses. I ask each of you to tell me yes or no, will make the motion now or in your next meeting and do you believe in its intent: collaboration, transparency, trust, and integrity.

## Addendum to Chris Hicks Remarks 7/12/2017

### PAGE 2 - 6/9/2017 Uible note containing a threat to have a hotel manager fired.

- At the 6/28 Board of Commissioners, Uible responded to this being presented that he is a stockholder in IHG (Intercontinental Hotels Group) which connects the threat to the Holiday Inn (IHG property).

### Page 3 - 6/20/2017 Uible call of a CCRCC executive committee meeting to defame Chris Hicks and, more importantly, four clear lies in one note of that same day.

- The meeting, an abuse of office, fizzled.

### Page 4 - Addresses two lies from 6/13 Uible note:

- Uible is on CVB Board per ORC.
- CVB has met with Township Trustees on the "plan."

### Page 5 – Addresses the lie "no one asked to meet."

### Page 6 – Addresses the lie "I only received a compliment."

### Page 7 – Union Township Trustees unanimous resolution of opposition.

### Page 8 – Miami Township unanimous letter of opposition.

## Key Points:

1. The public and elected officials must know about the plan (of which the 1% tax is only a small element that was discovered). No additional actions (CVB or BCC) should take place without full disclosure.
2. The documented threats and lies are problematic. A friend shared with me this assessment:

*"It is either that you are a liar or that your brain is faulty. In either event, you cannot lead."*

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## Uible – 6/9/17 note to Chris Hicks (with hotel employee threat)

- Threat to a private employee based on support of Uible's tax plan.

**From:** David Uible [<mailto:uibled@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** [chris@hickspub.com](mailto:chris@hickspub.com); 'David Uible' <[uibled@uiblegroup.com](mailto:uibled@uiblegroup.com)>  
**Cc:** [John@BeckerGOP.com](mailto:John@BeckerGOP.com); [dgreen73@frontier.com](mailto:dgreen73@frontier.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Hotel Tax - My Union Township opinion

Chris, you are 100% wrong on this one. Almost all of the sales revenue from this facility being built will end up at the hotels, restaurants, gas pumps, ... in Union Twsp. Nothing is being given to any private business like what they did in Hamilton County with the stadiums. This business will pay rent equivalent to the cost of property that our CVB wants to purchase with this revenue and they will buy it or pay a steep exit cost if they leave early. This private business will also invest \$10-30M in this property and based their team in Batavia with almost \$5,000,000 in gross salary. This was not kept from anyone intentionally, however we were trying to keep it quiet due to competition from all the surrounding counties and NKY. The hoteliers in Union Twsp approved of it when we spoke to them 6-8 months ago even though one manager finds it beneficial so say now that he wasn't consulted (I will likely report him to his management if the 1% doesn't go through and he will be fired). One person truly objects to this and made it his mission to tell everyone else, like yourself, how bad this is - people are funny when a great project isn't their idea. This is a transient tax of \$1 for a \$100 hotel room for visitors from outside the county that stay here. Butler County also has this 1% in the budget bill and will get this deal if we don't.

**David Uible**

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Uible – 6/20/17 (7:30 AM)

- Executive Committee Meeting Called to discuss "a newly appointed member."

From: David Uible <uible@yaho.com>  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 7:34 AM  
 Subject: Emergency Meeting of Execs

This is last minute, but I would like to get our Executive Committee together this Thursday at 7:00 pm at HQ. If you can't make it check to see if your vice-Exec can be there. The subject being a newly appointed member of our Central Committee. I don't expect it to take more than an hour.

Thank you.

David Uible

There are 4 easily documentable lies in the note to the right.

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Uible – 6/20/17 (9:58 AM)

- Explains to an exec committee member that the newly appointed member is Chris Hicks who is "insincere and nefarious."

From: rick grant [mailto:rkgrd@yaho.com]  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:58 AM

Subject: Re: UPDATE - EMERGENCY MEETING - SECRET tax - BAD process - Soccer fields

Rick, this is fake news for political gain as created by Chris Hicks, a newly appointed Central Committee member and Becker's unofficial campaign adviser for running for Uecker's seat in the senate. Last weekend The Enquirer said, "Politics appear to be underneath all this (shocker, eh?). It seems to be a small group of Becker supporters who are raising a stink."

I have not, and did not, work with Rep. Green to get the Lodging Tax on the budget bill in Columbus. Senator Niehaus and the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) chose to work with Rep. Green because Rep. Becker has NEVER, to my knowledge, voted for a budget bill during his terms as a House Rep. Rep. Becker told me on a phone call that he had no issue with the 1% lodging tax based on the upside to the county and because the tax it doesn't effect our citizens.

1 As a commissioner, I am on the nine member board of the CVB as per the Ohio Revised Code. The additional "transient tax" being asked for (paid primarily by people from outside the county that stay in clermont county hotels) will be 1%. For ~25 years Clermont County has collected a 6% lodging tax. This additional 1% tax (about \$220,000) will allow the CVB to bring in and support private investments of up to \$30 million and will only be implemented by the Commissioners if a contract(s) is(are) signed with the investors; otherwise, it is time-limited and the 1% tax goes away.

A "lodging tax" was never designed to be a referendum for voters, as per our ORC, since it is only voted on by our legislators.

2 The CVB has met with the trustees and or township administrators in Union and Miami townships over the last six to eight weeks to explain what the CVB plans to do with this 1% tax. The CVB has offered to set up another meeting with Union and Miami Township administrators this week and township administrators have been offered seats on the CVB board to make the CVB's actions as transparent as possible.

I personally answered questions such as these last week, to a large email list, as was originally sent out by Howard Hines and offered to meet with anyone to discuss in person any issues. No one asked to meet including the trustees in Union township, who were copied on the email communication from Howard Hines. I only received a compliment from Kathy Heidenberger for the potential for the county. I believe that Chris Hicks' goals are insincere and nefarious. 3

Rick, you are welcome to use this in a reply to all if you wish.

David Uible

1 LIE 1: As a commissioner, I am on the nine member board of the CVB as per the Ohio Revised Code.

- FALSE - There is no Ohio Revised Code requirement that a CVB Board contain a County Commissioner. It is legally allowed but not required and almost no county has a County Commissioner on their CVB (including Butler, Warren and Hamilton Counties who all have 0 commissioners on their CVB boards based on me personally calling each to confirm). Other counties have their CVB be independent which avoids issues like we are having now. While Uible's wording is clever, it makes an impression that this is required or normal. It is neither.

2 LIE 2: The CVB has met with the trustees and or township administrators in Union and Miami Townships over the last six to eight weeks to explain what the CVB plans to do with this 1% tax.

- FALSE - There was a meeting on 7/12 but this was only AFTER the secret tax was discovered in the budget and the actual plan was in no way disclosed as to "what the CVB plans to do with this 1% tax." No plan, no business case and no sharing of now known documents (economic impact study, site renderings, memorandum of understanding, NDA).

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**LIE 3: No one asked to meet, including the trustees in Union township, who were copied on the email communication from Howard Hines.**

- FALSE - Below is Matt Beamer's (Union Township Trustee) note asking to meet and Uible replying to the request (6/13). Remember, on 6/20 Uible claimed in writing no on had made a request.

**Beamer Request**

From: Matt Beamer  
 [mailto:mbeamerut@cinci.rr.com]  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:56 AM  
 Subject: Re: CLERMONT COUNTY HOTEL TAX

Thank you for the information to date. I would still like a meeting as originally offered by Mr. Uible to discuss the outstanding questions that anyone could attend if they like or as allowed per Ohio Revised code. I would suggest an evening this Wednesday or next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at UT Starbucks, Panera Bread, Civic center or some other location.  
 Sincerely,  
 Matt Beamer

On Jun 12, 2017, at 3:41 PM, "Humphrey, Ed" <ehumphrey@clermontcountyohio.gov> wrote: I do not know the answer. Here is what I do know:  
 The CVB hired an lobbyist to get the amendment to the budget bill.  
 This was not public knowledge because the CVB is reported to have signed a non-disclosure with the company they were negotiation with to come to Clermont County.  
 Representative Becker has a reputation for voting "no" on the budget bill and therefore may not be appropriate to carry an amendment.

Ed Humphrey

**Uible stream replying to the request (a week before he claimed there were no requests)**

From: David Uible <uibled@yahoo.com>  
 Date: June 13, 2017 at 2:59:07 PM EDT  
 To: "Beamer, Matt" <mbeamer@union-township.oh.us>  
 Subject: Re: CLERMONT COUNTY HOTEL TAX  
 Reply-To: David Uible <uiblegroup.com>

Matt, it was interesting to me after Howard's email on Saturday and my reply, which offer to meet with anyone on the email chain to discuss how the lodging tax works or for more info, that no one asked to meet except for you.  
 Thanks.

David Uible

From: "Beamer, Matt" <mbeamer@union-township.oh.us>  
 To: David Uible <uibled@yahoo.com>  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:55 PM  
 Subject: Re: CLERMONT COUNTY HOTEL TAX

David,

Yes, that is correct as I indicated earlier. At a minimum, I would expect those on the email chain that have specific questions (which have been sent) on the hotel tax to take part as well without causing issues to the non disclose agreement.

Sincerely,

Matt Beamer

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2017, at 12:04 PM, David Uible <uibled@yahoo.com> wrote:

Matt, I'm replying to you to see if you still want to set up a meeting to discuss the lodging tax? Not sure if all three of the UT trustees and meet together? Im told that the CVB has already met with Mr. Geis. I'd like to include the current CVB president and board chair if so. Because of our non-disclosure with the sports organizations I shouldn't think it's advisable to make this open to the public and keep it governmental, but there will be time for that later if we can get the tax approved and the organization decides to work with Clermont, as oppose to Warren, Butler or NKY.

David Uible

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**LIE 4: I only received a compliment from Kathy Freudenberger for the potential for the county.**

- FALSE - Below is John McGraw's (Union Township Trustee) note complaining about the tax in no uncertain terms. It was in the stream Uible responded to and was sent (by McGraw) 6 days before Uible claimed to only have received a compliment.

From: John McGraw [mailto:jmc4604@fuse.net]  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 10:20 PM  
 Subject: RE: CLERMONT COUNTY HOTEL TAX

This whole situation is bad for Clermont County. We now have townships, the County and the CVB in conflict with each other when we should be working together to achieve common goals.

We now have residents questioning transparency and honesty. We have a lack of leadership. All of this was avoidable.

I respectfully request that the County Commissioners and the CVB ask that the amendment be removed from the State Budget. This additional tax request was done without consulting Union Township or Representative Becker. This tax plan was executed without adequate public input and stuffed into a cumbersome State Budget bill.

Lack of transparency is obvious.

Mr. Uible said he would meet with those on this email then he said he was too busy

Mr. Uible deflected direct questions and said we should contact the CVB. Mr. Uible is on the Board of the CVB and should know all the details.

I have been told the lobbyist for the CVB is Tom Niehaus.

We have seen no plans or anything to back up the claims made.

The County could certainly pay for this plan out of their budget. I am told this plan will be located in and benefit the Village of Batavia. They could certainly pay for this too.

If this plan was good for Union Township, I think we would have been consulted. Therefore, I am concerned. Most of the revenue generated will be collected in Union Township so if enacted, the funds should stay in Union Township. If they had consulted with Union Township we would have told the CVB that this plan conflicts with plans needed for our township. Projects in Union Township include:

Tealtown Ballpark and WT Fields already generate hotel revenue but are in need of upgrades.  
 Use of West Clermont High School facilities for local sports team, I spoke personally to the GM.  
 New hotels are looking to locate in Union Township. One new hotel has approved zoning and is in the permit process.  
 I am not opposed to a new tax if sound reasons are presented. So far that has not been done. It is hard to be in favor or against the ideas since we do not have the details.

So pull the amendment back, present your plan then in the future we can explore if a new tax is needed and will benefit our residents. The County and the Townships need to work better together.

John McGraw

# Union Township Trustees Resolution of Opposition (Unanimous)

## RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION 2017-13  
**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL LODGING TAX FROM SUB. HB. 49**

The Board of Trustees of Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio met in regular session at the Union Township Civic Center on June 22, 2017 with the following members present: John McGraw, Matthew Beamer & Lloyd Acres

Mr. McGraw made a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Union Township Board of Trustees (BOARD) desires to represent the interests of the residents of Union Township in the best and most fiscally sound manner possible; and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD understands the importance of providing the best possible and award winning service since Union Township is the only township in the county with an accredited Police, Fire, Communication and Public Works Department in the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Clermont County Commissioners in concert with the Clermont County Council and Visitor's Bureau and a paid lobbyist, petitioned for and convinced an Ohio State Representative from the 66<sup>th</sup> District to introduce legislation to increase taxes within Union Township and Clermont County; and,

WHEREAS, the Proposed Increase in Lodging Tax, was not discussed publicly or privately, with representatives from Union Township prior to inclusion in the State Capital Budget; and,

WHEREAS, a business plan justifying the need for the increase in taxes has never been discussed, discussed or even confirmed that one (Business Plan) exists with any elected or appointed Official of Union Township; and,

WHEREAS, the BOARD promotes fiscal responsibility and transparency in its effort to provide the best possible service for our employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio, petition that Ohio State Representative John Becker, from the 66<sup>th</sup> District faithfully, forcefully and with appropriate speed and resolve, carry out concerns and desires to the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. We request that the Speaker comply with the wishes and desires of Union Township and immediately remove any reference to the increase in the Hotel Lodging Tax in Clermont County, for the purpose of funding, subsidizing or otherwise supporting the acquisition of a recreation facility in the Village of Batavia contained within SUB. HB. 49.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

Mr. Acres seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. On the roll call being called the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. McGraw - YES

Mr. Beamer - YES

Mr. Acres - YES

Resolution 2017-13 adopted June 22, 2017

ATTEST:

*Matthew Beamer*  
 Matthew Beamer, Clerk Pro Tem

Approved as to form:

*L. E. Barbieri*  
 Lawrence E. Barbieri  
 Union Township Law Director

I, Ronald B. Campbell, Fiscal Officer of Union Township, hereby certify, as official custodian of the records of Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of Proceedings of Union Township and that the same is a true and accurate copy of the original on file in the township hall at 4330 Alchholz Road, Union Township, Ohio 45243

*Ronald B. Campbell*  
 Ronald B. Campbell, Fiscal Officer  
 6/22/2017  
 Date

# Miami Township Trustees Letter of Opposition (Unanimous)

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June 21, 2017

Senator Joe Uecker  
 Statehouse  
 1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor  
 Columbus, OH 43215  
 (614) 466-9082

Re: Bill Allowing Lodging Tax Increase in Clermont County

Dear Senator Uecker,

Last evening, the Board of Trustees of Miami Township voted unanimously to direct me to send a letter to our local legislators, including yourself, strongly urging you to not support the proposed SUB. HB. 49 that would enable Clermont County to impose a higher lodging tax on all hotels located within the County – including those in Miami Township. The Board has many concerns with this proposed tax increase.

First, the intended use of this new revenue to be controlled by the County is so narrowly focused that it is not in the best interest of Miami Township and it will not benefit a majority of Clermont County businesses or residents. The only benefiting entity will be the small Village of Batavia, which arguably does not have the critical mass to attract or retain visitors, nor are there sufficient hotels in the vicinity of the proposed private recreation facility should it generate the type of activity some seem to think it will. The proposed location in Batavia also lacks the infrastructure and access needed to make such a project succeed.

Additionally, while a lodging tax is generally considered a transient tax that does not impact local consumers, that is not the case with numerous corporate headquarters or multi-state corporations located here in Miami Township. Many of our businesses commit to multiple bed nights per month, on a consistent basis, for their employees and vendors. This new expense proposed to be levied on them certainly would not be to their benefit. Also, we do not have evidence that the Hilton Garden Inn located in Miami Township has received communication regarding the new tax on their establishment.

Finally, this bill appears to have been crafted and promoted in a way that left Miami Township, and other large stakeholders in the County, in the dark. Neither myself, nor any of the Miami Township elected officials, had the benefit of knowing about the proposed tax and its purpose until after it had already passed in the House. While we were able to meet with you after the bill arrived in the Senate, we were left with little time to gather information in order to educate our residents about this tax increase. If a business plan or cost benefit analysis for the proposed tax and limited purpose of the new income exists, we have not received it in order to know if the proposal is even viable.

Again, please consider that our Board's vote in opposition to this proposal was unanimous and they do not believe it benefits the residents and businesses in your district who will be negatively impacted by this hastily crafted tax increase.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Wright*  
 Jeff Wright  
 Township Administrator