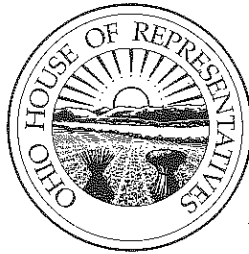


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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown,

I respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill 1802, which is currently pending before the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. This legislation will greatly impact Ohio's economy and fund much needed public works projects to include enhanced infrastructure necessary for needed economic development in our State. This is especially needed at the local level since funding to their budgets has been decreased over the past few budget cycles.

I am concerned that recent changes made by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) pertaining to Money Market Funds and net asset values (NAV) will hurt Ohio's schools, colleges and local governments. Local governments may be forced to limit projects, spend more money on financing or increase taxes due to the necessity of shifting banking products that have historically paid lower yields or are much less secure.

I am concerned that local governments will lose the largest purchaser of local government debt if money market funds are not permitted to retain a fixed net asset value. Another costly impact would be the loss of enhanced financial returns on surplus government deposits.

Some local governments rely on the Star Ohio program to help them manage their cash flow needs. Senate Bill 1802 will enable this program to continue serving local governments and provide elevated returns on statutory investments.

Senate Bill 1802 is a rational approach to help preserve this market for investors and local governments, while still ensuring adequate safeguards and regulations.

It is my sincere hope that you will give Senate Bill 1802 the utmost consideration for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Strahorn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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