



CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

G. David Gillock, Mayor
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October 23, 2017

The Honorable Bob Gibbs
United States House of Representatives
110 Cottage Street
Ashland, OH 44805

Dear Congressman Gibbs:

On behalf of the City of North Ridgeville, to include our nearly 33,000 residents, we respectfully urge you to support and consider co-sponsoring House Bill 2319, which is currently pending before the U.S. House Financial Services Committee. This legislation will enable our members to cost efficiently fund desperately needed public works projects to include an enhanced infrastructure necessary for needed economic development. This is an especially important tool for North Ridgeville since the state has decreased the funding to local governments.

Local governments use short-term debt to finance various capital and public works projects. Money Market Funds are significant purchasers of municipal obligations, however because of a Securities and Exchange Commission requiring money market fund's underlying net asset value to move from a fixed sum to a floating value, money market funds have stopped purchasing our debt. This has caused our borrowing costs to increase, meaning our members' capital and public works projects are becoming more expensive. We are very concerned that this will limit future growth and stifle our local economy.

North Ridgeville also relies on MMFs for our short and mid-term investing needs, and to protect principal, ensure liquidity and maximize returns on our surplus cash. We invest in MMFs because of their simple accounting methodology and management, security and liquidity. These are all features that are necessary for North Ridgeville to protect public funds, access cash, and pay our bills when they become due.

Please join the over 250 counties, cities, universities, hospitals, labor leaders, chambers of commerce, and businesses across Ohio and the country in supporting H.R. 2319. Please feel free to contact me at (440) 353-0811 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

G. David Gillock
Mayor