



*The City of Lorain, Ohio*  
*Chase Ritenauer*  
*Mayor*

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October 31, 2017

The Honorable Jim Jordan  
United States House of Representatives  
3121 West Elm Plaza  
Lima, OH 45805

Dear Congressman Jordan:

On behalf of the city of Lorain, to include our nearly 65,000 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 us to continue to efficiently fund desperately needed public works and capital projects to include an enhanced infrastructure necessary for needed economic development.

Lorain is notable for its deindustrialized economy, formerly being home to the American Ship Building Company Lorain Yard, Ford Motor Company Lorain Assembly Plant, and the United States Steel Corporation. Lorain is undergoing a revitalization turning around our population decline and urban decay as a former “rust belt city.” In partnership with our businesses and schools, Lorain is working tirelessly to mobilize resources for business to thrive throughout our community and especially in our waterfront district, which is located on Lake Erie.

Lorain uses short-term debt to finance these various capital and public works projects. Money Market Funds are significant decisions of municipal obligations, however because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires 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 just as we are working to grow.

Lorain 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 Lorain 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 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CR', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Chase Ritenauer, Mayor  
City of Lorain, Ohio