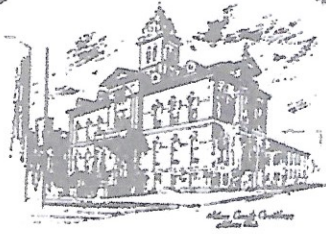


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Dear Senators and Representatives:

We are writing to urge you to support the inclusion of S. 733/H.R. 4492, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act, in economic relief legislation currently being negotiated in Congress. This bipartisan legislation would allow several trillion dollars of private capital sitting idle in U.S. government securities to be immediately redeployed for use by state and local governments for infrastructure investment and other community services.

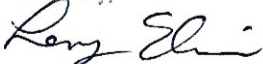
As you know, the COVID-19 emergency is putting enormous pressure on our county's budget, as we experience decline in our revenue streams. If allowed to work correctly, money market funds can be a significant source of liquidity for Athens County to use finance the infrastructure and economic development programs needed to help our citizens recover from the economic disruption caused by the coronavirus health crisis.

In particular, enactment of S. 733/H.R. 4492 would restore the ability of prime and tax-exempt money market funds to be utilized effectively to both manage liquidity for public sector investments and provide a reliable source of working capital to fund public services and finance infrastructure investment and economic development.

Our local governments will need every resource available to fight this crisis, support our citizens and restore our local economies. By enacting S. 733/H.R. 4492, Congress can help to ensure that we have every reasonable tool at our disposal to meet our funding needs throughout the current crisis and for the long recovery ahead.

Thank you for your leadership during this difficult period, and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ohio Congressional Delegation
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