



# A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS

WHEREAS, in 2011, the State of Ohio dramatically reduced local government funding, slashing the funding rate from 3.68% of the State of Ohio's General Revenue Fund to 1.66%; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of \$10.26 million from the Local Government Fund for the City of Gahanna, and it is projected that the City will forego an additional \$6.9 million over the next five years at the current reduced rate; and

WHEREAS, this impactful revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult for local municipalities to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services, forcing communities to find new revenue streams or forego critical projects and services for their residents; and

WHEREAS, when Gahanna invests in community safety, builds sound infrastructure, and increases economic development, the entire State of Ohio benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio has celebrated the economic growth and vitality of the State, with Ohio tax revenue reaching pre-recession levels, but the Local Government Fund has not been restored; and

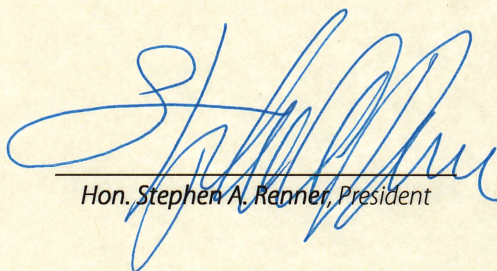
WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities, including Gahanna, to decrease the local tax burden.

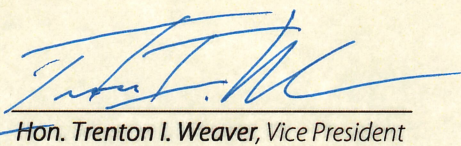
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

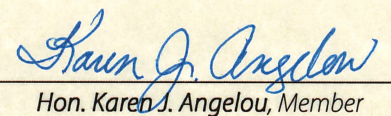
Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

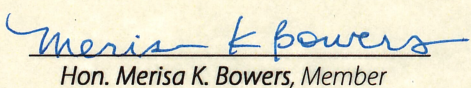
Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund and/or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

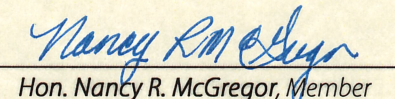
Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

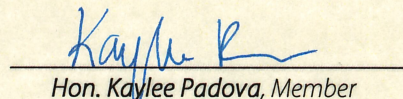
  
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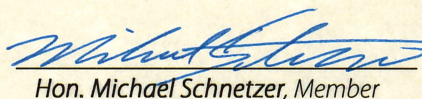
  
Hon. Trenton I. Weaver, Vice President

  
Hon. Karen J. Angelou, Member

  
Hon. Merisa K. Bowers, Member

  
Hon. Nancy R. McGregor, Member

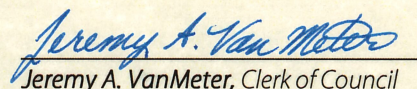
  
Hon. Kaylee Padova, Member

  
Hon. Michael Schnetzer, Member

Certified as passed on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, RES-0011-2023.



ATTEST:

  
Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council



March 28, 2023

The Honorable Mike DeWine, Governor of Ohio  
Riffe Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor DeWine,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of Resolution #0011-2023, "A Resolution Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-Recession Levels," as passed by the Council of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, at its meeting held March 20, 2023. This Resolution is signed by all members of City Council.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy A. VanMeter".

Jeremy A. VanMeter  
*Clerk of Council*

CC:

The Honorable Jason Stephens, Speaker of the Ohio House  
The Honorable Bill Seitz, Majority Leader of the Ohio House  
The Honorable C. Allison Russo, Minority Leader of the Ohio House  
The Honorable Mary Lightbody, Ohio House District 4  
The Honorable Matt Huffman, Senate President  
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The Honorable Michele Reynolds, Ohio Senate District 3



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The Honorable Jason Stephens, Speaker of the Ohio House  
Riffe Center, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Speaker Stephens,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of Resolution #0011-2023, "A Resolution Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-Recession Levels," as passed by the Council of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, at its meeting held March 20, 2023. This Resolution is signed by all members of City Council.

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The Honorable Bill Seitz, Majority Leader of the Ohio House  
Riffe Center, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Majority Leader Seitz,

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The Honorable C. Allison Russo, Minority Leader of the Ohio House  
Riffe Center, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Minority Leader Russo,

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The Honorable Mary Lightbody, Ohio House District 4  
Riffe Center, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Lightbody,

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The Honorable Matt Huffman, Senate President  
Ohio Statehouse  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, SH-201  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senate President Huffman,

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The Honorable Rob McColley, Senate Majority Leader  
Senate Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 222  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Majority Leader McColley,

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March 28, 2023

The Honorable Nickie J. Antonio, Senate Minority Leader  
Statehouse  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, SH-303  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Minority Leader Antonio,

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The Honorable Michele Reynolds, Ohio Senate District 3  
Senate Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 128  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Reynolds,

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