



Tangible Personal Property Tax

Unfinished Business

Of Tax Reform _____

*County Commissioners
Association of Ohio*

*County Auditors'
Association of Ohio*

Ohio Municipal League

*Ohio Township
Association*

*Public Children Services
Association of Ohio*

*Ohio Association of
County Boards of MRDD*

*Ohio Association of
County Behavioral Health
Authorities*

*Association of Ohio
Health Commissioners*

Ohio Library Council

*Ohio Fire Chiefs'
Association*

*Ohio State Firefighters'
Association*

*Ohio Parks and
Recreation Association*

*Ohio School Boards
Association*

*Buckeye Association of
School Administrators*

*Ohio Association of
School Business Officials*

May 19, 2009

The Honorable Steve Buehrer
Ohio Senate
Ohio Statehouse - Senate Office Building
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: TPP Reimbursement for
Schools & Governments

Dear Senator Buehrer:

Local governments, schools, parks, libraries, and firefighters have come together to form the Coalition of Local Governments and Services. The purpose of our organization is to focus attention on the unfinished business of tax reform by securing permanent reimbursements for these funds to local governments as called for in House Bill 66 of the 126th General Assembly.

With the current economic pressures in Ohio, we recognized that this would be a difficult time to look for a permanent solution. Instead, we have proposed an extension of the hold harmless agreement through the FY 2010 - 2011 biennium budget, with the rationale that this would buy some time to secure permanent reimbursements. This extension would require an additional \$11.2 million from CAT revenues be used to continue the hold harmless agreement. In their deliberations, the House of Representatives included this funding in Substitute House Bill 1. We are appreciative of the efforts and consideration of the members of the House of Representatives in addressing this issue and urge your support to keep this provision in the budget.

While it was our intent to seek a permanent solution once the budget process was complete, we understand that there is a possibility of including Senate Bill 111 in the budget. We believe that securing permanent reimbursements in the budget process is a solution that will complete the unfinished business of tax reform. We support and encourage you and your colleagues in pursuing this option. In addition, the Coalition recommends an amendment to Section 5751.23 of SB 111 to continue county settlement fees and Real Estate Assessment Fund fees beyond the current sunset of 2017.

The members of the Coalition of Local Governments and Services are prepared to assist in completing the unfinished business of tax reform in any way that we can.

We have enclosed additional information on the impact of TPP losses. Please feel free to contact any of the Coalition members if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

TPP Coalition Members

The Coalition of Local Governments & Services