

To: Ohio Commission on local Government Reform and Collaboration

From: Dan Foley, Commission Member

Re: The four key points assignment for the final report

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1. Change state law to make local government tax sharing explicitly permissive. The development of regional economic development plans should also be encouraged because a portion of shared tax revenues could be tied to that region's economic strategic plan through programs like Montgomery County's EDGE program. (this is outlined in the Greater Ohio Recommendations and Ohio Compact for Cities recommendations as well)
2. Ohio law should provide maximum flexibility for mergers between counties and municipalities as approved by the voters in those jurisdictions.
3. Establish a system of incentives from state government to reward local collaboration based upon metrics that identify clear return on investment.
4. Echoing the Alternative Service Delivery Method Sub-committee, the state should particularly incentivize the move toward economic development one-stop shops serve as a single point of service for local building permit regulations, zoning permits, and just as important, economic development strategy and implementation for local regions.