

RESOLUTION NO. 61-13  
CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE  
OF AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 5  
BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF TAX  
UNIFORMITY REVISIONS RECOMMENDED  
BY THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities in Ohio exist primarily as a form of self-governance in order to provide vital services to their residents, businesses and those working in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities agree that revenue-neutral uniformity on issues that will ease compliance burdens for businesses residing in, and potentially locating within Ohio, would be of great benefit to all of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Amended Substitute House Bill 5 (HB5) as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives contains language that is severely damaging to the financial stability of municipalities; and will reduce revenue for virtually all municipalities in Ohio; includes "unfunded mandates" which will limit the ability for municipalities to provide basic services to residents, businesses, and visitors; rewards select groups of citizens and businesses with special tax breaks; and, creates additional state level bureaucracy; and

**WHEREAS**, key provisions of HB5 do not reduce the complexity or add simplicity to the process of filing and paying municipal income taxes but, rather are clearly an attempt to reduce municipal income tax obligations for certain privileged interests by reducing their tax liabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent reduction of Local Government Funds, elimination of the Estate Tax, and the elimination of promised reimbursement for the loss of revenues due to the repeal of the Tangible Personal Property and Public Utilities Taxes has resulted in a loss of nearly \$2 million in annual revenue for the City of Centerville; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals in HB5, if fully implemented, are conservatively estimated to result in an additional loss of annual revenue of \$750,000 to \$800,000 for the City of Centerville as analyzed in Exhibit I attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities have been responsive in the past to efforts to streamline tax rules and regulations and create uniformity in the overwhelming majority of local tax codes creating a streamlined process for all taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association, the Dayton Area Tax Administrators, and the Ohio Municipal League have created a revenue neutral alternative to

HB5 that addresses uniformity without providing for wholesale tax reform and, more egregiously, special interest tax breaks for select and privileged interests and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** Municipalities must fight to protect their single largest revenue source, which provides vital municipal services, promoting a positive quality of life that residents and businesses alike rely upon, and any forced reduction in this revenue will have a negative impact on residents and businesses, creating an environment detrimental to retaining and attracting new business in Ohio.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTERVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Council of the City of Centerville strongly opposes Amended Substitute House Bill 5 as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on November 13, 2013 and urges the Ohio Senate to reject this legislation as detrimental and extremely damaging to the City of Centerville and municipalities across Ohio.

**SECTION II.** That members of the Ohio Senate should, with all due diligence and deliberation, thoroughly examine the alternative language and provisions proposed by the Ohio Municipal League, et al, which are revenue neutral, provide uniformity across the State of Ohio, but do not provide special interest tax breaks to select and privileged businesses.

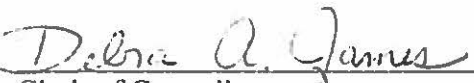
**SECTION III.** That the Ohio General Assembly should focus on restoring previous funding levels to the Ohio Business Gateway and focus on correcting its multitude of programming problems and customer service issues to make that tool less cumbersome, more useful and relevant to municipalities and businesses as a simple, generic, one-stop method of filing local business income tax returns in one location.

**SECTION IV.** This Resolution becomes effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED this 27 day of January, 2014.

  
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Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council  
City of Centerville, Ohio

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, hereby certifies the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 41-13, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio on the 27 day of January, 2014.

  
Clerk of the Council

Approved as to form, consistency with existing ordinances,  
the Charter and Constitutional Provisions.

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