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Good Evening,

During the time in place when costs are spiraling out of control for everyone, I can appreciate the challenges facing the city. As a resident of over 27 years I hate to see that we are facing hard choices. Eliminating the tax credit is not the answer. I strongly oppose this measure. Communities need to serve everyone. I am a nurse case manager for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. This position does not exist in the city. My daughter is a research assistant at OSU in the environmental engineering college. Ohio Wesleyan does not have a comparable program. My husband is a planning engineer at Boeing. Delaware does not have a government contractor with an aerospace focus. We choose to build a new home here 6 years ago because we enjoy the community, we should not be penalized that Delaware has elected to develop as a bedroom community and failed to secure significant employers which are where the generation of true income stems in a community. I pay 2.5% in Westerville, my daughter pays 2.5% in Columbus and my husband is paying 2% in Heath. We don't get credit for ½ of what we already pay. We get credit for ½ of what we owe. With the removal of the credit my household tax bill increases collectively by nearly $2000. At a time when eggs are $6 a dozen and insulin is $650 that is a increase that will impact my decision to stay in Delaware. I no longer use any of the local services such as schools, or parks but and happy to continue to support them which makes us ideal in that we are contributing but not drawing on them. Thank you for hearing my concern and opposition to repealing the credit.

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