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Dear Members of the Delaware City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ordinance No. 24-100, the repeal of the city income tax credit. As a concerned resident and taxpayer, I believe this credit is a vital component in ensuring fairness for all members of our community, and I urge you to reconsider its elimination.

Repealing this credit would disproportionately affect those of us who work outside the city. My family, like many others, chose to settle in Delaware because we value the strong sense of community here. While I am fortunate to work within city limits, my husband's job requires him to commute to Columbus. It would be unfair to place additional financial burdens on residents who already contribute to Delaware through property taxes and other means, simply because their employment lies outside city boundaries.

It's worth noting that nearly every nearby city—such as Columbus, Dublin, Marion, New Albany, and Worthington—offers a city income tax credit. By eliminating Delaware's income tax credit, we risk making our city less attractive to current and future residents. If other cities are able to offer this benefit, why can't Delaware?

I understand the city's need to address budget shortfalls, particularly in light of the recent levy failure. However, expecting residents who work outside the city to bear the brunt of this shortfall is neither fair nor just. We already contribute to the local economy in many ways, and it's unreasonable to ask those of us who work elsewhere to shoulder an even greater burden.

I respectfully urge the City Council to reconsider this proposed repeal and explore alternative solutions for balancing the city's budget—ones that do not unfairly penalize hardworking residents. It is essential that we preserve policies that promote fairness and equity for all taxpayers, regardless of where they work.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I trust that you will take into account the significant impact this decision could have on the residents of Delaware, and choose a path that serves the best interests of our entire community.

Sincerely,

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