Your Rights Matter 6 - Local Control

The November 2025 elections were very successful in Fulton County and state-wide. The majority of our community members voted in support of property taxes, which will positively impact services such as local fire, police, libraries, roads, schools, townships, cities, villages, and more. The recent levy success and changes to proposed legislation is trending in a positive direction, yet some legislators still do not care about the pride rural Ohio communities have for their communities. For example, Representative Dave Thomas posted this Facebook video chastising voters after overwhelming support of local property taxes.

In his video post he said:

> The legislature has taken action and helped on the unvoted increase side of the property tax bill but when it comes to the voted side, what we saw this November was actual increases, and we the taxpayer - we the voter - have done that then to ourselves. There's a clear disconnect between the tax burden that we're having, in the crisis, and what the voters have essentially just done, which was make that crisis even worse.

Yes, Representative Thomas, there is a clear disconnect. However, the disconnect is that some elected officials do not believe local voters can make the best decisions for their own communities.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Eric Smola, Superintendent - Evergreen Local Schools
Dr. Angela Belcher, Superintendent - Fayette Local School District
Mr. Josh Clark, Superintendent - Pettisville Schools
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