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## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Milwaukee, WI  
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Nashville, TN  
Newark, NJ  
New Orleans, LA  
New York, NY  
Norfolk, VA  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Omaha, NE  
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The Honorable Pat Tiberi, Chair  
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: **Hearing on Framework for Evaluating Certain Expiring Tax Provisions**

Dear Chairman Tiberi:

Rebuild America's Schools appreciates the opportunity to provide a statement to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures for the Hearing on Framework for Evaluating Certain Expiring Tax Provisions.

Rebuild America's Schools is writing to express our **support for the extension of the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) and the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) programs.**

Rebuild America Schools supports the extension of QZABs originally enacted in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and extended with bipartisan support in all subsequent Congresses since. QZABs allow schools districts to modernize school facilities and to improve curriculum. QZABs are a cost effective program being used by school districts in every state to renovate, repair and modernize school buildings and classrooms. The Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program provides federal financing for the construction, rehabilitation, and repair of public school facilities. In 2010-2011 School districts in forty-nine states used \$11 billion in QSCB bond financing to build and renovate more energy efficient 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools in communities across the country.

QZABs and QSCBs are helping school districts provide modern, more energy efficient, green and better schools, improving the learning environment for students and enhancing the workplace for students, teachers and staff. As modern schools advance student achievement in urban, rural and suburban communities in every state more jobs to improve community schools will be generated as well.

Support through QZABs and QSCBs are helping repair, renovate and modernize America's schools and stimulating and creating thousands of jobs in Michigan and every state. These jobs are generated in the construction industry among suppliers, ranging from architects and engineers to roofing contractors and other construction workers who modernize, renovate and repair schools. Modern, energy efficient schools are helping local communities increase opportunities for all students to develop the educational skills necessary to achieve and succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

QZABs and QSCBs are providing Ohio school districts with the capacity to make major upgrades, renovations, and to build new facilities. Ohio historically has utilized the QZAB program fully. Below is a list of Ohio school district usage of Qualified School Construction Bonds in 2010-11. This illustrates how important these bonds are to school modernization efforts in Ohio. QZABs and QSCB bonds are improving schools and generating jobs across Ohio and in every state.

Communities across Ohio and in every state are using QZABs and QSCBs to modernize their local schools providing their students the opportunity to achieve and succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Rebuild America's Schools asks that the Qualified Zone Academy Bond and Qualified School Construction Bond programs supporting school modernization and job creation be included among tax extension provisions considered by the Ways and Means Committee this year.**

Rebuild America's Schools appreciates the inclusion of this letter in the printed record of the Hearing on Framework for Evaluating Certain Expiring Tax Provisions.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Canavan

## **OHIO**

### **2011**

#### **\$77.4 million**

Warren County (Lebanon) School District, Ohio \$3.0  
Mahoning County (Boardman) Local School District, Ohio \$3.5  
Summit County (Reeve) Local School District, Ohio \$3.2  
Clinton County (Wilmington) School District, Ohio \$0.3  
Cuyahoga County (Chagrin Falls Exempted Village) School District, Ohio \$0.5  
Highland County (Bright) Local School District, Ohio \$0.4  
Hamilton County (Cincinnati) School District, Ohio \$3.0  
Champaign County (Mechanicsburg) Exempted Village School District, Ohio \$0.7  
Franklin County (South-Western) School District, Ohio \$6.7  
Wayen County (Northwestern) Local School District, Ohio \$1.4  
Franklin County (Columbus) School District, Ohio \$9.9  
Hamilton County (Southwest) Local School District, Ohio \$2.8  
Miami County (Piqua) School District, Ohio \$3.8  
Franklin County (Hilliard City) School District, Ohio \$5.0  
Lake County (Willoughby-Eastlake) School District, Ohio (2 issues) \$12.9  
Hamilton County (Sycamore) Community School District, Ohio \$2.1  
Trumbull County (Champion) Local School District, Ohio \$1.1  
Columbiana Exempted Village School District, Ohio \$1.0  
Preble County (Eaton) School District, Ohio \$2.0  
Franklin County (Dublin City) School District, Ohio \$1.7  
Pickaway County (Circleville) School District, Ohio \$7.0  
Stark County (Perry) Local School District, Ohio (2 issues) \$5.4

2010

**\$293 million**

Lorain County (Keystone) Local School District, Ohio \$5.3  
Hamilton County (Sycamore) City School District, Ohio \$17.5  
Stark County (Canton City) School District, Ohio \$6.7  
Clark County (Springfield) City School District, Ohio \$1.0  
Henry County (Liberty) Local School District, Ohio \$2.3  
Richland County (Madison) Local School District, Ohio \$6.9  
Meigs County (Southern) Local School District, Ohio \$2.0  
Ashtabula County (Pymatuning Valley) Local School District, Ohio \$0.7  
Harrison County (Harrison Hills) City School District, Ohio \$0.6  
Licking County (North Fork) Local School District, Ohio \$1.3  
Portage County (Field) Local School District, Ohio \$1.1  
Fulton County (Evergreen) Local School District, Ohio \$1.3  
Columbia County (Salem City) School District, Ohio \$1.7  
Franklin County (Dublin City) School District, Ohio \$4.0  
Coshocton City School District, Ohio \$4.3  
Champaign County (Triad) Local School District, Ohio \$0.8  
Scioto County (Green) Local School District, Ohio \$5.6  
Stark County (Northwest) Local School District, Ohio \$1.7  
Hamilton County (Three Rivers) Local School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Columbiana County (Crestview) Local School District, Ohio \$4.0  
Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Municipal School District, Ohio \$55.0  
Cuyahoga County (Rocky River) School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Hamilton County (Princeton) School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Licking Heights Local School District, Ohio \$4.0  
Cuyahoga County (Mayfield) School District, Ohio \$4.0  
Mahoning County (Austintown) Local School District, Ohio \$11.3

Richland County (Madison) Local School District, Ohio \$9.5  
Warren County Vocational School District, Ohio \$0.9  
Ashtabula County (Conneaut) Area School District, Ohio \$1.7  
Franklin County (Worthington) School District, Ohio \$1.8  
Hamilton County (Mariemont) School District, Ohio \$11.1  
Summit County (Springfield) Local School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Marion County (Elgin) Local School District, Ohio \$12.0  
Lorain County (Firelands) Local School District, Ohio \$1.1  
Seneca County (Hopewell-Loudon) Local School District, Ohio \$6.3  
Preble County (Eaton) Community City School District, Ohio \$3.1  
Cuyahoga County (Westlake City) School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Calumet County (Appleton) Area School District, Wis. \$2.3  
Summit County (Twinsburg) School District, Ohio \$2.6  
Cuyahoga County (Beachwood) School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Pickaway County (Circleville) School District, Ohio \$11.3  
Akron, Ohio \$15.1  
Warren County (Franklin) School District, Ohio \$1.0  
Stark County (Alliance) School District, Ohio \$2.3