

Dear Hanover Township Voter,

On November 4, 2008, the Talawanda School District managed to get a levy issue passed that increased your property taxes by 4.7 mill for the next 28 years.

This ballot issue failed in all but one of the township precincts, but passed in all of the Oxford city precincts. Oxford precincts 6, 7, 11 & 12 are almost entirely Miami University student voters and those precincts accounted for 1,810 of the 7828 votes for the levy. There were 7225 votes against the levy. The Statement of Votes Cast on the issue from the Board of Elections is reprinted on the back of this letter, color or shading added for emphasis.

The township precincts defeated the levy by an average of 73%, while the Oxford precincts passed the levy by an average of 77%. This should underline the dramatic differences of the voters living in the townships versus those living in Oxford and at Miami University, and the impact of the Miami student vote.

Because of this levy and the reassessment of property values by the Butler County Auditor, many peoples' property taxes went up by 25%. Some taxes went up more than that, especially for rental and commercial properties.

Many property owners contested the increased value assessed to their properties with the Butler County Auditor and received an adjusted, lowered value. The Talawanda School District has filed counter claims against many of those lowered values, wanting the inflated, unrealistic values in place for tax purposes. Talawanda is targeting the rental and commercial properties in their counter claims.

And all of this was done during the time while our economy is in its worst condition since the Great Depression.

On Thursday, June 25th at 7:30 p.m., there will be an informational meeting at the Hanover Township Community Center 2595 Old Oxford Road, to organize a repeal of the levy. This will be done with a petition to place the repeal on the November ballot.

Please let your friends and neighbors who want to repeal this unfair tax know about the meeting and encourage them to attend.

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| Talawanda Total | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|--------|---------|--------|--|
| Precincts | Reg. Voters | Total Votes | % Voted | FOR | | AGAINST | | |
| Hanover Township | | | | | | | | |
| hanover2 | 804 | 591 | 73.51% | 135 | 22.84% | 456 | 77.16% | |
| hanover3 | 601 | 479 | 79.70% | 97 | 20.25% | 382 | 79.75% | |
| hanover5 | 932 | 682 | 73.18% | 201 | 29.47% | 481 | 70.53% | |
| hanover8 | 547 | 411 | 75.14% | 88 | 21.41% | 323 | 78.59% | |
| hanover9.84 | 337 | 261 | 77.45% | 82 | 31.42% | 179 | 68.58% | |
| hanover10 | 504 | 367 | 72.82% | 51 | 13.90% | 316 | 86.10% | |
| Sub Total | 3,725 | 2,791 | 74.93% | 654 | 23.43% | 2,137 | 76.57% | |
| Milford Township | | | | | | | | |
| milford1 | 748 | 572 | 76.47% | 163 | 28.50% | 409 | 71.50% | |
| milford2.84 | 622 | 479 | 77.01% | 108 | 22.55% | 371 | 77.45% | |
| milford3 | 949 | 709 | 74.71% | 221 | 31.17% | 488 | 68.83% | |
| milford4 | 188 | 104 | 55.32% | 8 | 7.69% | 96 | 92.31% | |
| Sub Total | 2,507 | 1,864 | 74.35% | 500 | 26.82% | 1,364 | 73.18% | |
| Oxford Township | | | | | | | | |
| oxtpw1 | 1,019 | 721 | 70.76% | 336 | 46.60% | 385 | 53.40% | |
| oxtpw3.84 | 1,029 | 751 | 72.98% | 422 | 56.19% | 329 | 43.81% | |
| Sub Total | 2,048 | 1,472 | 71.88% | 758 | 51.49% | 714 | 48.51% | |
| Reily Township | | | | | | | | |
| reily1 | 900 | 683 | 75.89% | 147 | 21.52% | 536 | 78.48% | |
| reily2 | 1,171 | 878 | 74.98% | 217 | 24.72% | 661 | 75.28% | |
| Sub Total | 2,071 | 1,561 | 75.37% | 364 | 23.32% | 1,197 | 76.68% | |
| City of Hamilton | | | | | | | | |
| ham16wd1.1 & .84 | 308 | 217 | 70.45% | 58 | 26.73% | 159 | 73.27% | |
| Sub Total | 308 | 217 | 70.45% | 58 | 26.73% | 159 | 73.27% | |
| City of Oxford | | | | | | | | |
| oxford1 | 1,339 | 604 | 45.11% | 472 | 78.15% | 132 | 21.85% | |
| oxford2 | 1,237 | 485 | 39.21% | 383 | 78.97% | 102 | 21.03% | |
| oxford3 | 1,052 | 814 | 77.38% | 577 | 70.88% | 237 | 29.12% | |
| oxford4 | 958 | 471 | 49.16% | 367 | 77.92% | 104 | 22.08% | |
| oxford5 | 1,152 | 518 | 44.97% | 334 | 64.48% | 184 | 35.52% | |
| oxford6 | 1,364 | 489 | 35.85% | 444 | 90.80% | 45 | 9.20% | |
| oxford7 | 1,296 | 412 | 31.79% | 357 | 86.65% | 55 | 13.35% | |
| oxford8 | 1,194 | 476 | 39.87% | 364 | 76.47% | 112 | 23.53% | |
| oxford9 | 1,294 | 600 | 46.37% | 387 | 64.50% | 213 | 35.50% | |
| oxford10 | 782 | 556 | 71.10% | 398 | 71.58% | 158 | 28.42% | |
| oxford11 | 1,631 | 612 | 37.52% | 552 | 90.20% | 60 | 9.80% | |
| oxford12 | 1,475 | 510 | 34.58% | 457 | 89.61% | 53 | 10.39% | |
| oxford13 | 927 | 601 | 64.83% | 402 | 66.89% | 199 | 33.11% | |
| Sub Total | 15,701 | 7,148 | 45.53% | 5,494 | 76.86% | 1,654 | 23.14% | |
| Totals | 26,360 | 15,053 | 57.11% | 7,828 | 52.00% | 7,225 | 48.00% | |