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This is for Meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

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Emil Bergquist and members of the committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give testimony to this draft bill 2626. I am sure eager and focused eyes will land on this testimony.

Currently the Clearwater Cemetery District is comprised of only one position with the Town of Clearwater's name in it (The Mayor) The other two positions are the township Trustees from the townships to the east and the west. The tax base that takes care of the cemeteries within the district comes from all three entities: Ninnescah and Ohio Townships along with the good folks in Clearwater.

My township that I represent is to the East, Ohio Township. We only have one very small Cemetery within the district Knoll Cemetery. This Cemetery requires very little maintenance and rarely sells "positions".

Before the City of Clearwater took over the clerical work of the district all our records and financial statements were not as organized and as readily available. For someone just getting on the board this made it very difficult to understand how things were supposed to work and quite frankly I am not so sure that was not by design. Lastly, running for Township Trustee should be just that, focusing on road improvement and maintenance in conjunction with your regular full-time job and family.

I don't believe that the one cemetery we have in Ohio is worth the tax burden that is placed within my Township. I also believe that the City of Clearwater has the resources and knowledge to accurately run the Clearwater Cemetery on their own under their own tax base. The city does a fantastic job of keeping track of records. They have implemented new software that makes everything better. They can produce reports upon requests and most importantly I have received zero complaints about the. Lastly, there is