

October 17, 2017

Mr. Charles E. Coulson
Lake County Prosecuting Attorney
Lake County Administration Building
105 Main Street
Painesville, OH 44077

Re: Requested Crime Laboratory Real Estate Tax Levy

Dear Mr. Coulson:

I am part of a group that is very concerned about the ever escalating Lake County real estate taxes. We contend that if we remain on our current path, we will start to price many of our citizens living on fixed incomes out of their homes that they have worked all their lives to achieve.

We will be asking each and every political sub-division requesting funds from Lake County taxpayers to justify to the taxpayers with facts and figures why they need the funds. We will no longer just accept emotional appeal as a valid reason to vote for any levy.

We have been made aware that the Crime Laboratory, under the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's office, is requesting a levy to be placed on the ballot in May, 2018. We are requesting the last five years of financial records showing the revenue and expenses for the Crime Laboratory. We would also like to know the future plans for the Crime Laboratory that requires additional funding.

The results of our analysis will be displayed on our website (myneighborsandme.com). We will let our neighbors decide if the past financial statistics, and future plans for the Crime Laboratory warrant any additional funding, or even renewing the existing levy.

Sincerely,

cc: Lake County Commissioners