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**Ohio's 1,308 Townships May Not Be Guaranteed
Direct Funding from American Rescue Plan**
*Inconsistencies between House and Senate versions of HR 1319
cause confusion*

Blacklick, OH – At the local, state and federal levels, there are conflicting reports on whether Ohio townships will directly receive funds from the American Rescue Plan (HR 1319), due to changes made between the House and Senate versions of the legislation. The bill allocates \$350 billion to states and local governments, and was recently passed by Congress and signed by President Biden.

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) is working around the clock with Ohio's Congressional delegation and the Biden Administration to ensure that the U.S. Treasury interprets Ohio's 1,308 townships as eligible nonentitlement units of local government for this critical funding. According to the 2010 Census, at least four million Ohioans reside in a township; relief funds are crucial to helping those communities recover from the effects of the pandemic.

The OTA appreciates the efforts of its state and federal partners, and all who are working to guarantee that Ohio townships will receive HR 1319 funding. More information will be provided from the OTA as new developments take place.

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The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The OTA was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties.

The OTA has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 4,000 associate members.