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Governor Mike DeWine
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Dear Governor DeWine:

I am writing to notify you of the significant school bus driver shortage facing Painesville City Local Schools and several other school districts in Northeast Ohio. Through conversations with local officials, I have learned that in addition to the nationwide bus driver shortage, many other drivers are absent due to COVID-19 protocols, and it is unclear when they will be returning to work.

If swift action is not taken to ensure an adequate supply of school bus drivers, I fear in-person learning may be untenable, as children will lack safe and reliable transportation to and from school. As we have seen throughout the pandemic, the Ohio National Guard has played a critical role in maintaining public safety by putting shots in arms and delivering food to those in need.

Now, considering the uptick in COVID-19 cases and the nationwide bus driver shortage, the Ohio National Guard is needed to provide transportation assistance to local school districts. Therefore, I strongly urge you to deploy the Ohio National Guard to help keep our children in school by providing transportation assistance to local school districts.

Thank you for your attentiveness, and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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