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Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro's Statement on Ohio Attorney General's Sixth Circuit Filing

When proposed unconstitutional legislative action was immediately rejected by community members and Governor DeWine alike, Attorney General Yost is now seeking injunctive relief through the courts, a move that is also without legal basis.

This eleventh-hour move by Yost is both disappointing and frustrating. As with the prevention, education, interdiction, and treatment costs falling to local governments like Summit and Cuyahoga Counties, the burden of information gathering and preparing for trial has likewise been borne by those of us on the front lines. We are ready for our day in court and have no plans to change course.

Our first responders, emergency teams, police force, public health and addiction treatment services, children's services, and many more are right here, living in our communities, and are responding to the opioid epidemic every day. At this level of government, we are in the best position to serve our local communities and we know what we have spent and what we need for the future.

It is our hope that Attorney General Yost listens to the communities he was elected to serve, those of us in local elected offices, and to our governor and changes course in an effort to work with us, rather than against our communities in this fight.

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