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Charles F. Barga, CPA, Chief Auditor/Audit Division – Athens Region
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Re: City of Portsmouth Proposed 2009 Audit and Budget

Council members are being requested by the City Auditor to extend the contract with Caudill and Associates to perform the 2009 financial and compliance audit for the City of Portsmouth (January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009). An ordinance to extend the contract is scheduled to be prepared for the November 23, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting.

I am frustrated and perplexed by the exhaustive measures required [Letters #08-015, 08-018, 08-030, 08-034, 08-037, 09-001, 09-019, 09-024, and 09-028] to assure an independent audit has been performed for the City of Portsmouth.

I do not believe passage of this ordinance would be in the best interest of the City of Portsmouth or the Office of the Auditor of State. I am aware the Auditor of State has limited resources and relies on Independent Public Accountants (IPA) to perform comprehensive financial and compliance audits within Ohio. Please consider performing the 2009 City of Portsmouth annual audit or recommend another approved IPA.

If you should have any questions or comments contact me.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

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cc: Mary Taylor, CPA, Auditor of State, 88 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
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Trent Williams, Auditor
Jim Kalb, Mayor
Honorable Council Members
Michael Jones, Solicitor
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)