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Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Testimony regarding Citizen's Advisory Council
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Good afternoon, Chairman Jordan and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Ginnie Whisman, I serve as Deputy Director of the Division of Residential Resources, for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). The Department respectfully requests re-authorization of the Citizen's Advisory Councils.

The Citizen's Advisory Councils, made up of family members, county board leadership, and other interested community members, are established under sections 5123.092 and 5123.093 of the Ohio Revised Code and serve as links in the communication chain, providing the Department with information from parents and guardians about the care and treatment of those we serve at our state-operated centers.

Councils review employee training and educational programs, center budgets, participate in the formation of long range goals and objectives, and submit reports to the Director regarding matters that affect the operation of the centers.

Because of the role each Council plays in the operation and review of the work done at each of our centers, it is the desire of the Department that their work be allowed to continue.

I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee might have at this time.

