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**Sunset Review Committee  
Testimony on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council  
Provided by Brittney Colvin, Legislative Director  
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Good afternoon Chairman Jordan and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Brittney Colvin and I am the Director of Legislative Affairs within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present testimony on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council for your consideration.

**Purpose of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council**

The Coastal Resources Advisory Council was established to advise the Director of ODNR on the implementation of Ohio's Coastal Management Program and make recommendations on the preservation, protection, development, and restoration or enhancement of Ohio's coastal resources.

**Composition of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council**

Appointed by the Director to serve four-year terms, the Council is comprised of 19 members who represent a broad range of interests relating to the management, use, conservation, protection, and development of coastal area resources.

**Coastal Resources Advisory Council Summary and Recommendation**

ODNR appreciates the work of this Council, but feels that the same level of input can be offered to the Department through a less formalized and bureaucratic process. We are committed to maintaining the same level of communication and engagement between the Department and these valuable stakeholders, but in a more efficient manner.

The Council, recognizing this agency objective, has begun meeting informally to continue their mission of advising the Department on Ohio's Coastal Management Program and the promotion, protection, enhancement and encouragement of the wise use of resources in Lake Erie, its coast and its watershed. We appreciate their input and will continue to welcome it as we have in years past.

Therefore, ODNR recommends that the Coastal Resources Advisory Council be sunset by the Sunset Review Committee.