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Testimony on the Forestry Advisory Council  
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Good afternoon members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Bob Boyles and I am the Deputy Director and State Forester over the Division of Forestry within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present testimony on the Forestry Advisory Council for your consideration.

### **Purpose of the Forestry Advisory Council**

The Forestry Advisory Council was established by law in the early 1970s to advise and make recommendations to ODNR's Chief of the Division of Forestry concerning forestry practices and programs in the state, including programs of the Division, and may assist the Division in promoting cooperation on forestry practices and programs with other agencies, political subdivisions, and private interests.

### **Composition of the Forestry Advisory Council**

The council consists of eight members appointed by the Governor. Members represent forest-based research activities, small private forestland owners, larger private forestland owners, the pulp and paper industry, other forest industries, soil science, forest recreation and the public. Each serves a four-year term and not more than four are permitted from the same political party. The Council holds regular, quarterly meetings. Members receive no compensation for their work on the council; only reimbursements.

We believe that eight total members is good governance and works effectively to meet the council's objectives.

### **Forestry Advisory Council Summary and Recommendation**

The Forestry Advisory Council is a valuable tool to ODNR's Division of Forestry in our efforts to protect, preserve, promote, and responsibly manage Ohio's 21 state forests. Thanks to its work in representing all facets of the forest community, from environmental interests to the paper industry, ODNR recommends that the Forestry Advisory Council be renewed by the Sunset Review Committee.

Members of the Committee, thank you again for giving me opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to take any questions that you may have at this time.