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Sunset Review Committee
Testimony on Grain Marketing Program Operating Committee
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Good afternoon, Chairman Jordan and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Janelle Mead and I am a Deputy Director at the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on behalf of the Grain Marketing Program Operating Committee. The Department is respectfully requesting reauthorization of this Committee.

The Grain Marketing Program Operating Committee was created in 2008 to collect a “checkoff” on the sale of wheat, barley, rye and oats from producers to be used for marketing efforts. Members of the Committee are elected by the producers who pay the assessments. Their nomination is certified by the Director of Agriculture, and the Department oversees Committee elections.

The Committee consists of nine members who are nominated and elected by producers. This Committee requires minimal staff time, as the work is absorbed by the Department’s Markets Division and legal staff. The chief of the Markets Division represents the Director in an ex-officio capacity at meetings, which are held quarterly.

This Committee is not funded by the state. The Grain Marketing Program reimburses members for their travel expenses when necessary.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about the Grain Marketing Program Operating Committee.