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Senator Kris Jordan
Chair, Sunset Review Committee
Senate Office Building
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: The Insurance Agent Advisory Council

Chairman Jordan,

On behalf of the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI), thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on the Insurance Agent Advisory Council. The Insurance Agent Education Advisory Council (the Council) was created in the early 1990s to advise the Superintendent/ Director of Insurance in carrying out the duties imposed under sections of the Ohio Revised Code in regards to the examination of application for license and continuing education requirements for agents. Specifically, the Council was formed to make recommendations regarding any rules adopted by the Department regarding these issues. The work of the Council was especially impactful during the review and implementation of H.B. 300 of the 128th General Assembly. H.B. 300 significantly modernized agent licensing and continuing education requirements. Additionally, since the implementation of the Common Sense Initiative, the Department of Insurance has implemented more direct and interactive methods to seek input from industry regarding all rules promulgated by the Department. Consequently, the Council has not met since August 2011.

The Ohio Department of Insurance valued the work of the Council prior to 2011, but feels that the same level of input can be offered to the Department through a less formalized and bureaucratic process. Therefore, ODI recommends that the Council be sunset by the Sunset

Review Committee. We will continue, as the Department has previously, to engage insurance industry stakeholders directly, ensuring a thorough and efficient process.

Regards,



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