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Chairman Brown, Vice Chairman Jordan and members of the Ohio Sunset Review Committee. I am Terrie TerMeer, Chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Materials and Waste Management and I am here today to encourage the continuation of the Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC).

Based on significant input from stakeholders, the Materials Management Advisory Council was created in H.B. 64, as a merger of two previous advisory councils: the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) and the Recycling and Litter Prevention Council (RLPAC). The makeup of the new 13 member council strikes a special balance between public and private members, which more closely represents the reality of Ohio's waste management system today. It will also provide a fresh view as we review Ohio's State Solid Waste Management Plan and consider an update to reflect new realities.

As mentioned above, the MMAC's main responsibility is to assist in the development of the State Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan, last updated in 2009, helps guide state and local efforts to reduce our reliance on landfills, promote market development opportunities for recyclables, and provide safe alternatives for restricted wastes such as household hazardous waste or tires. The council helps develop this plan, which in turn provides guidance to solid waste districts as they implement locally crafted solutions to meet our common goals as a state.

The council is also tasked with reviewing the implementation of the State Plan, providing guidance on Ohio EPA's recycling grant program, researching questions posed by the Director,

and providing an annual report to the General Assembly on Ohio's waste management system. Combining these responsibilities under one council will increase the overall efficiency. As was the case with SWAC and the Recycling and Litter Prevention Council, all the council's work will be handled with already existing Ohio EPA staff.

While Ohio has benefited in recent years from unprecedented investment in recycling collection, processing and market development, it's no secret the system faces challenges. As we address these challenges head on, the council will be an essential guiding body. I encourage you to allow Ohio EPA and the state of Ohio to benefit from the knowledge and guidance that this council can provide now and into the future. Thank you for this opportunity and I am happy to answer any questions.