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Submitting written testimony as an opponent to Senate Bill 293 Section 1547.84

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I would like to express my opposition regarding the proposal to consolidate and inactivate the 14 Advisory Councils of the Scenic River Advisory committee. As a Scenic River Advisory Committee member for the Ashtabula River, I feel such a proposal would essentially destroy local input and stewardship of our river resources. To have one member representing our area would be ineffective at addressing the unique concerns that each river presents.

Local landowners, our family included, have invested in preserving these rivers for future generations. Loss of local input would severely limit both present and proposed conservation measures. Many citizens have supported the concept because they feel enhanced local input and participation in the Scenic Rivers. Stripping that down would certainly dilute any future involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

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