

Dear Senator Kris Jordan

I am writing to support the continuation of the separate Scenic Rivers Advisory Councils for Ohio's scenic rivers.

These rivers are precious resources to the communities, watersheds and wildlife habitat that they support. Consolidation into a single advisory group will lose much needed oversight of these scenic rivers by local groups who can keep up with changes and issues. Local leaders are more familiar with the unique ecological aspects of the river. Landowners along the river are comfortable having local citizens to turn to regarding issues. I support the recommendations by Allen Fazenbaker to solidify the relationship between ODNR and these local advisory groups and oppose the bill as it stands. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your service to our rivers.

Sincerely

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