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Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer, and members of the Joint Sunset Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written remarks on the Legislative Programming Committee of the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service. My name is Megan Wycuff, and I'm the Executive Director of Ohio Government Telecommunications / The Ohio Channel.

Since its inception in 1996, Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT) has provided objective, unbiased, and accurate representation of Ohio's governmental activities to Ohio's residents.

Our organization produces gavel-to-gavel coverage of state government proceedings and packages this programming with regionally produced documentaries and public affairs programs to give a statewide perspective on issues that affect the lives of all Ohioans. Our 24-hour, seven-day-a-week signal is distributed throughout the state by local public media stations through support from the Broadcast Educational Media Commission of Ohio. We have recorded and archived more than 22,000 hours of official government coverage in our 28-year history.

The work of OGT is guided by, and in accordance with, ORC Section 3353.07.

I respectfully request the reauthorization of the Legislative Programming Committee of the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service. Doing so will ensure that OGT can continue to serve the legislature and the people of Ohio for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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