

**Sunset Review Committee Testimony
Ohio Department of Taxation
May 14, 2024**

Chairman Wilkin, Vice-Chair Hillyer, and members of the Sunset Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written remarks on the Ohio Business Gateway (OBG) Steering Committee.

The OBG Steering Committee is authorized under R.C. 5703.57 and is part of the Ohio Department of Taxation for administrative purposes. The committee is statutorily charged with directing the development of the Ohio Business Gateway and overseeing its operations. The committee also provides recommendations to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) on potential gateway enhancements.

Following completion of the OBG modernization project in 2018, the OBG Steering Committee’s activity has largely ceased. The committee has not convened in several years. In place of OBG Steering Committee meetings, DAS regularly meets with agencies and entities which utilize the gateway. These conversations provide ample opportunity to discuss further updates and improvements to the Gateway, making the formalized OBG Steering Committee unnecessary.

For these reasons, the Department of Taxation respectfully requests that the OBG Steering Committee be sunset.

Sincerely,



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