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Joint Sunset Review Committee  
Automated Title Processing Board Testimony

Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer, and members of the Joint Sunset Review Committee, thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify to recommend the continuation of the Automated Title Processing Board. My name is Charlie Norman, and I am the Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The Automated Title Processing Board was created to facilitate the operation and maintenance of an automated title processing system (ATPS) for the State of Ohio. ATPS, used by 88 county clerks, provides fast and effective issuance of Ohio titles for a wide range of vehicles, including motor vehicles, motorcycles, manufactured homes, travel trailers, boats, boat motors, ATV's, off – road motorcycles and jet skis. ATPS functionality allows for both the printing of a physical title or issuance an electronic title. Ohioans depend on this important system to properly transfer titles and accurately maintain the legal ownership records. The Board ensures ATPS is well-maintained and reviews and approves the procurement of equipment and supplies, certificates of title, and other devices necessary to effectively support the State's vehicle title processes.

The board is made up of nine members, including county clerks, representatives from OBM, ODNR, Taxation, and the Ohio Clerks of Court Association. The Board meets quarterly to discuss the operation and maintenance of ATPS. Revenue generated by the Automated Title Processing System (ATPS) through the collection of the statutory fees and taxes for the issuance of the Ohio Certificate of Title is used to maintain and upgrade the ATPS system. The Board does not have any dedicated staff because BMV Title staff performs the Board's necessary administrative duties.

The ATPS Board continues to be an important component to the successful ATPS system. This uniform system of titling allows Ohio to be one of the only states in the country that can perform vehicle title transfers and issuances on a same-day, over-the-counter basis. The BMV enjoys our excellent working partnership with County Clerks of Court and believes this Board provides opportunity for robust discussion and feedback on building and maintaining a system that works for consumers, government agencies, and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

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