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Good afternoon, Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer and members of the Ohio Sunset Review Committee. My name is Felicia King, Director of the Governor's Office of Faith Based and joining me today is my Executive Assistant Patrice Love Henderson.

The Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives serves as a clearinghouse of information on federal, state and local funding for charitable services performed by organizations throughout Ohio. We encourage organizations to seek public funding for their charitable services and coordinate their activities to secure maximum use of funds and efforts that benefit people receiving charitable services.

We advise the Governor, General Assembly, and the Advisory Board of the Governor's Office Faith Based and Community Initiatives on the barriers that exist between organizations and governmental entities and on ways to remove the barriers.

The Advisory Board for the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives consists of 8 members; four members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the President of the Senate and two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representative. They provide direction, guidance and oversight to the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. They assist in the dissemination of information about public awareness of the programs supported by the office, they review budgets, proposed initiatives, annual reports, polices and strategic plans.

This board is an essential part of the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. With the board's approval, guidance and oversight of our FY23/24 Strategic Plan, we were able to fulfill and complete our objectives. Building a statewide network of compassion in Ohio, strengthening the skills and competencies of faith and non-profit organizations, and funding selected faith-based and nonprofit organizations that offer transformative and life altering serves. To that end, the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiative respectfully requests the reauthorization of the Advisory Board to the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives.

I thank the Chair, Vic Chair and members of the committee for this opportunity, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best regards,

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