



Sunset Review Committee
Testimony on the Ohio Standardbred Development Commission
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Good afternoon, Chairman Wilkin and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Christopher Dragone, and I am the Executive Director of the Ohio State Racing Commission. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present testimony on the Ohio Standardbred Development Commission for your consideration.

The Ohio Standardbred Development Commission was created in section 3769.085 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Standardbred Development Commission oversees expenditures of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund. The Ohio Standardbred Development Commission allocates and approves the Ohio Sire Stakes races and conditions supported by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund.

The Ohio Standardbred Development Commission is comprised of three members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, who are residents of the state and knowledgeable in breeding and racing. One member shall be a Standardbred breeder and one member shall be a Standardbred owner. Appointments for other than expired terms shall be for four years. Members shall receive no compensation, except that they shall be paid actual and necessary expenses from the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund. There has been no expense paid out of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund in the last five years.

The Ohio State Racing Commission values the work of the Ohio Standardbred Development Commission and would encourage the Sunset Review Commission to allow the Ohio Standardbred Development Commission to continue.

Members of the Committee, thank you again for giving me this opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have at this time.