



Sunset Review Committee  
Testimony on the Ohio Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee  
Provided by Ohio State Racing Commission Executive Director, Chris  
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Good afternoon, Chairman Wilkin and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Chris 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 Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee for your consideration.

The Ohio Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee was created in section 3769.084 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee advises and assists the Ohio State Racing Commission regarding the administration of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund created by section 3769.083 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Ohio Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee 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 of thoroughbred horses. Appointments shall be for three years. Members shall receive no compensation, except that they shall be paid actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. There has been no expense paid out of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund in the last five years.

The Ohio State Racing Commission values the work of the Ohio Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee and would encourage the Sunset Review Commission to allow the Ohio Thoroughbred Racing Advisory Committee 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.