



**Sunset Review Committee
Ohio Department of Administrative Services
August 28, 2024**

Chairman Wilkin, Vice-Chair Hillyer, and members of the Sunset Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written remarks on the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission.

The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission is authorized under R.C. 107.40. The commission is statutorily charged with the preservation, restoration, acquisition, and conservation of all decorations, objects of art, chandeliers, china, silver, statues, paintings, furnishings, accouterments, and other aesthetic materials that have been acquired, donated, loaned, or otherwise obtained by the state for the governor's residence. Furthermore, the commission provides for the preservation and maintenance of plants in the adjoining Heritage Gardens.

The Governors' Residence Advisory Commission has not been utilized over multiple administrations due in part to the difficulty recruiting capable and qualified members of the type and number required by Code. The lack of available members has precluded regular commission meetings and additionally the burdensome restrictions of the commission's responsibilities previously led to inefficiencies in managing and maintaining the residence and grounds.

The Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden was founded in 2006 and operates as a non-partisan, privately funded non-profit dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and education of the historic Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden. The Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden is comprised of non-partisan business and community leaders from across the state. On a periodic basis the Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden undertakes special projects and additionally routinely donates their time and effort to performing regular tasks at the Residence. Their activities and efforts are under the guidance and supervision of the staff of the Residence.

The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission has not been active in over 10 years. Therefore, the Department of Administrative Services respectfully requests that the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission be sunset.

Sincerely,

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