

Testimony for House Bill 159

The Miami and Erie Canal byway through the city of St. Marys is one of our marquee attractions and features. A replica canal boat sits in a portion of the canal that runs through downtown and ties into Memorial Park. It highlights the history of the era while highlighting the important role the canal played in the development of St. Marys. The canal byway extends into a renovated and revamped lock between Spring and High streets that shows how the lock system functioned during the canal days. We see the canal byway as not only an important piece of our history, but also to our future. We would like to develop the canal byway into a recreational hub for kayaking, canoeing and other water activities. We see it as key to our economic development plans for the future. For these reasons I am in support of HB 159.

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