

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: 5-2-17

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON  
LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): SB 2  
SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT MATTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU FAVOR  OR OPPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE?

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT:

SB 2 is important to the health of Ohio's waters which benefits all Ohioans and visitors.

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE?  
YES  No \_\_\_\_\_

(IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? Written Only



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**WRITTEN PROPONENT TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2**

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Al Landis, Chair  
House Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Riffe Center, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Landis:

The Nature Conservancy is a non-partisan, science-based organization that seeks to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. Established in Ohio in 1959, we work collaboratively with businesses, farmers, sportsmen groups, government and local communities to develop pragmatic, market-based solutions to conservation challenges. More than 55,000 Ohioans are Nature Conservancy supporters.

The Nature Conservancy in Ohio is supportive of Senate Bill 2 sponsored by Senator Cliff Hite and recently passed by the Senate. Senate Bill 2 is important to the health of Ohio's surface and drinking water. Among the key provisions we support are:

- Refocusing of Lake Erie Commission efforts to identify and track efforts toward the 40% phosphorus reduction in the Western basin by 2025
- Providing safe options for reuse of dredge material from Lake Erie harbors and;
- Strengthening Ohio's Certified Water Quality Professional Program by including a multi-sector work group

We appreciate your favorable consideration of SB 2. We are available for any questions you, the committee members, or staff may have. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy S. Freeman".

Tracy S. Freeman  
Director of Government Relations

cc: The Honorable Cliff Hite  
The Honorable Christina Hagan, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Michael O'Brien, Ranking Member  
Craig Butler, Director, Ohio EPA