



May 4, 2023

Ohio Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
Attn: Honorable Tim Schaffer-Chair

RE: House Bill 33

Dear Senator Shaffer,

We are writing representing the members of the Muskingum Riverway Advocacy Council (MRAC). MRAC's mission is to monitor, preserve, protect and promote the economic, historic and recreational assets of the Muskingum River. As such, we work to collaborate the efforts of the four counties (Coshocton, Morgan, Muskingum and Washington), to work for the betterment of the communities along the Muskingum River.

We are writing to support and emphasize the importance of ODNR's operating budget request in House Bill 33 in the state's biennium 24/25 operating budget. The ODNR's budget request asked for an increase to support the operation of many of the important assets and programs affecting our communities along the Muskingum River. These facilities include the Muskingum River Parkway and the historic lock system that is included along the 112 mile-long river. This also includes the newly built facilities at Jesse Owens State Park, Hocking Hills State Park and Dillon State Park in Zanesville.

These are just a few of the great assets that we have in our local communities that would be drastically impacted by cuts the ODNR budget request. We are asking for your support of this budget request and would welcome any questions of the MRAC group that you may have.

Sincerely,

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