

Jack McCoy Ohio River Commission Testimony

Chair Schaffer, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and Members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 286.

My name is Jack McCoy and I own Jack McCoy Lumber and Adams Ohio River Transit Access (AORTA) Port on the Ohio River. I have worked and grown businesses in Adams County because I could always recognize the value in this area. With us sitting along the Ohio River I decided to invest in the revitalization of the port. We never had access in this area to the Ohio River and what kind of opportunities it had to offer. The vision behind our investment was to offer the rest of the state the opportunity to utilize this area and this is exactly what Intel did. I have attached a [video](#) to this testimony that showcases how Intel has used this location for their super loads, and it showcases the kinds of things that can be brought in or taken out by this port. While there is still room for growth, the port has already been a driver for economic development far beyond Adams County.

In conclusion, as someone who has invested in a location along the Ohio River, I believe in being proactive instead of reactive. The Ohio River Commission would be a great asset to the state in ensuring that we are adequately using and protecting all of our state's assets.

Thank you, Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Hicks Hudson and the rest of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee for hearing my testimony today. At this time if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.