

My testimony will stress the importance of the creation of the Ohio River Commission to assist with coordinating uses of the Ohio River to where it will serve all concerned in a fair, equitable, and environmentally sound manner. The testimony will further overview potential concerns when you have multiple users with competing interests where their area of interest is placed above the general welfare of others and the public as a whole.

An additional item that will be spoken to is the importance of having an Ohio River Commission that represents the areas of responsibility for all State Agencies that work with and around the Ohio River. Additionally, the entity should be led by the State Agency charged with planning for economic development and travel&tourism, the Ohio Department of Development, should lead the effort.

Thirdly, I will plan to answer any questions offered by Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee members pertaining to the Ohio River as a corridor, a connector, and a place of opportunity.