



June 6, 2023

Chairwoman Kristina Roegner
1 Capitol Square
1st Floor, Room 142
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Letter of Support RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 5

Chairwoman Roegner:

On behalf of the Ohio History Connection, we would like to offer our support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 5; a concurrent resolution that support and encourage the work of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial in celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

For background, the Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories, to embrace the present, share the past, and transform the future. As a nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state's history. This includes housing the State Historic Preservation Office, the official state archives, educational and community outreach and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio.

The Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial or America 250 – Ohio is our opportunity to tell our Ohio story as it relates to the founding and growth of our country dating back to 1776. This commission will be working to set the stage for a wonderful and appropriate celebration of our nation in 2026 when we will mark 250 years of independence.

We would like to thank State Senator Hearcel Craig and State Senator George Lang for bringing forward Senate Concurrent Resolution 5 and we would like to request favorable consideration by the Senate Government Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

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Ohio History Connection