

CITY OF PORT CLINTON

Mayor's Office



September 29, 2025

Ohio House of Representative
Committee on Arts, Athletics & Tourism
c/o Chairman Miller, Vice-Chairman Hiner, Ranking Member Jarrells and all members of the
House Arts, Athletic & Tourism Committee

Dear Chairman Miller;

As the duly elected Mayor for the City of Port Clinton, also-known-as "the Walleye Capital of the World", I am ecstatic to learn that H.B. 312 will finally put to rest this long overdue question. The Walleye (Sander Viterus) is not only a point of pride for our community but plays a gigantic role in our local economy.

From bait shops and restaurants; to boat sales and lodging; festivals and mascots; to gift shops and fuel sales; no single aspect of our local economy is not impacted by a this "wiley" inhabitant of this State's waterways.

Billions in direct and indirect sales, which generate millions in tax revenue, can be attributed to this fish. Served fried, baked, pretzel incrust, with a side of tartar sauce, in bite sized pieces or giant filets, the Walleye becomes the centerpiece of any meal.

There is no doubt that the south shore of Lake Erie owes a debt of gratitude to our finned friend. Honoring the Walleye as Ohio's official fish is a step in the right direction.

I strongly encourage you to adopt H.B. 312 ... whether you do this with or without tartar sauce is your choice.

Sincerely,

Mike Snider
Mayor
City of Port Clinton