



Greetings Members of the House Natural Resource Committee

I write to you today to express my support for HB 96-FY 2026-2027 Operating Budget. ODNR has kept our Parks, Forests, Natural Areas, Lakes and Rivers safe and admission-free to residents and visitors for years. Ohio is only one of eight states that do not charge admission to their parks, this allows all Ohioans to enjoy their State Parks. Given the cost of living, many Ohioans can not afford big vacations so they stay close to home and enjoy the parks and Ohio's natural playgrounds. Whether you are camping, hunting, fishing, hiking or just driving, the states natural beauty always shines through and the ODNR staff are the ones we have to thank. With the passage of the Operating Budget, ODNR can keep their mission alive and allow Ohioans and visitors to continue to make memories throughout Ohio. Thank You for your time.

Sincerely

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