



OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ohio Chamber of Commerce Proponent Testimony – Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 June 11, 2025

Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 (S.C.R. 10) to support and encourage the work of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (also known as the America 250-Ohio Commission) in celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary.

My name is Matt MacLaren and I am the Director of Travel and Tourism Policy for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce represents over 8,000 businesses across Ohio. We support this resolution which recognizes and encourages the important work of the America 250-Ohio Commission. The work of this commission promotes Ohio's contributions to our nation's history, while fostering economic, civic, and cultural engagement across Ohio.

The America 250-Ohio Commission activities are already underway and will continue to grow as we approach the landmark anniversary in 2026. These activities include heritage tree plantings, Ohio Goes to the Movies, Trails and Tales, and more; and they engage all 88 Ohio counties. The results will connect citizens, educate students, encourage visitors, and help create a sense of place for Ohio, the Heart of It All, as a great place to visit, live and work.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for S.C.R. 10 and the work of the America 250-Ohio Commission to tell Ohio's great stories in connection with the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary.