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Chairman Balderson, Vice Chair Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for allowing Senator Gardner and myself to give Sponsor Testimony on Senate Bill 69 today. Senate Bill 69 will designate June as Ohio Goes Boating Month.

Boating is very popular in the State of Ohio. There is nothing quite like taking your family on a boat ride in the summer time on Lake Erie. Residents of Lorain County enjoy boating and many of us travel to Vermillion, Lorain, Sheffield Lake and Avon Lake to enjoy the lake and many boaters. I'm sure in each of your households one of your family members likes fishing, swimming or just spending time with friends which are the top three activities associated with boating.

According to ODNR, in 2016 there were 505,524 boats registered in the State of Ohio. 95% of boats sold in the U.S. are made in the U.S. This helps create a total annual economic impact of \$3.6 billion with about 771 businesses and 19,504 jobs in the industry in our state.

This legislation is supported by the Ohio Boating Association.

Thank you again, Chairman. We are happy to answer any questions at this time.