

To: Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee



From: Matt Misicka, Executive Director
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Re: Proponent Testimony for HB 96 amendment providing permanent registration of non-commercial trailers

Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClane, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, on behalf of the Ohio Conservation Federation, and the thousands of Ohio sportsmen and women we represent, I am writing today to voice our support for HB96. Whereas Ohio law already allows for the permanent registration of commercial trailers, we feel it would be of great value to our community to allow the provision to apply to non-commercial trailers as well. Ohio sportsmen and women rely upon non-commercial trailers to move boats for fishing, duck hunting, and pleasure, hauling ATVs and side-by-sides, and transporting hunting dogs to and from both field and trials.

I personally own a trailer to haul motorcycles from central Ohio to our public off-highway-vehicle trails in southern Ohio. As I only find time to do this a couple times a year, when I'm lucky, it would be very convenient to pay my registration once and forget about it. My trailer also gets borrowed by fellow motorcyclists when a bike leaves them stranded and they need a way to get it home. These events are unpredictable, but fortunately rare. But when this happens, it would be great not to have to think about whether my registration is current or not. In my case, I have owned three trailers (two purchased new in Ohio and one used). I would have likely purchased the permanent registration each time despite the fact that I ultimately upgraded my trailers when I upgraded my toys, so to speak. For me, convenience is really the most significant factor.

Again, the Ohio Conservation Federation supports HB 96 and your efforts to potentially include the language as an amendment to HB 96.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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