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Chairman Mills,

Thank you again for the opportunity to present testimony to the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee on behalf of Ohio Farm Bureau on the issue of term limits. I informed the Committee that I would follow up in further detail to some of the questions the Committee had.

Sen. Tavares asked how Farm Bureau's policy supporting an increase in the length of one term for representatives to four years and six years for senators was developed. This policy was developed in our committee policy process and was adopted in the 2013 policy year and has been our policy since. The rationale was that increasing the term of a representative to four years allows the representative more time to be in office before needing to begin the re-election process. Our policy supporting increasing the senators' term by two years resulted from the increase in the term for representatives.

Several questions were asked about Farm Bureau's policy on redistricting. Our policy is as follows:

*We support a comprehensive review and reform of Ohio's current redistricting and apportionment process. We believe revisions to Ohio's redistricting process should incorporate:*

- 1. Transparency, an open process and checks and balances;*
- 2. Redrawing of legislative districts along county lines whenever possible;*
- 3. Creating districts without reference to major metropolitan areas being used as the center or hub upon which the district is created or based; and*
- 4. Ensuring that land based, geographic references are used to connect all communities and political subdivisions located within the legislative district.*

**- Redistricting #130, lines 1-7**

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony L. Seegers', written over a white background.

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