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Hello Chair Seitz, Vice-Chair Carfagna, Ranking Minority Member Ashford and Members of the House Public Utilities Committee. I am Bruce Weston, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel. Thank you for inviting me to discuss the role of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (Agency or OCC) and how the agency is helping Ohioans. In this regard, I welcome the opportunity for the Agency to help members with inquiries from your constituents and in any other way. Please feel free to call me 24/7 regarding utility consumer issues.

The Consumers' Counsel Board Chair (and former House member) Gene Krebs relays his good wishes. Recently he asked that I prepare a notebook to provide you and your colleagues with information and consumer perspectives to assist in your services to constituents. The notebook has been provided to you. It will serve as the reference material for my presentation today, and at this point I will turn to the notebook.