



**HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE JACK CERA
SPONSOR TESTIMONY ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 115**

Thank you Chairman Landis, Vice Chair Hagan, and Ranking Member O'Brien.

To my colleagues on the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the resolution before you urges Congress to pass legislation into law that extends and expands the current federal tax credit for carbon capture, utilization, and storage. The proposal will also urge Congress to support other policies relating to energy generation and protecting the environment.

This federal legislation has bi-partisan support, including both Ohio Senators Brown and Portman. It also has the support from environmental groups and the energy industry. Articles that describe the broad-based support for this legislation have been included with my testimony.

What is unique about this proposal is that it brings advocates on opposing sides of the energy issue together for the good of all types of energy production. The coal industry and environmentalists are joining forces to extend tax credits to power plants that capture carbon dioxide in storage tanks underground.

It is important to note that similar resolutions have passed in Kentucky and North Dakota. It is my understanding that PA, AL, IL, TX and OK are set to introduce them as well.

This proposal extends and expands the current Federal tax credit for carbon capture, utilization and storage under Section 45Q of the IRC. This technology is essential to strengthening our nation's infrastructure. I respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Attachments