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HCR 22 Sponsor Testimony
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Chairman Landis, Vice-Chair Hagan, Ranking Member O'Brien, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on House Concurrent Resolution 22. HCR 22 is a resolution in support of the development of our energy resources and infrastructure in Ohio. Encouraging investment into these resources will boost Ohio's economy, providing many opportunities for innovation and job creation in the energy industry.

Ohio is home to many energy-intensive industries, including agriculture, manufacturing, refining, and construction. We also have 11.6 million people living in our state who rely on affordable, reliable energy to heat their homes and power their cars.

Today, we are sitting on the brink of an energy revolution in Ohio. There are billions of dollars invested in privately financed energy projects that are in the construction, permitting, or planning stages in Ohio – from power plants and pipelines to multi-million dollar manufacturing facilities and plant upgrades. Just one of the projects under construction in our state is projected to employ over 5,300 laborers, providing local governments and school districts with more than \$390 million in tax revenue. In my district, one project is projected to create about 500 jobs during the construction phase and bring in \$16.3 million in state and local tax revenue during construction alone. And projects in the planning phase, like the proposed cracker plant in Belmont County, are opportunities that only come along once in a generation that will help revitalize our communities with family sustaining jobs.

This resolution recognizes the importance of natural gas and petroleum to Ohio's economy, and emphasizes the critical role that pipelines and

transmission lines play in delivering gas, petroleum, and electricity to 11 million Ohioans to meet their energy consumption needs. Denying the expansion and construction of new pipeline projects is bad for Ohio's economy, and will stop the revitalization of many communities and the manufacturing industry.

Passing this resolution supports the ongoing and continued development of Ohio's energy resources, pipelines and energy infrastructure in Ohio. It also supports the ongoing economic development efforts to attract major end-users of electricity and natural gas in the petrochemical and manufacturing industries to keep our economy moving forward.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 22 today, I am happy to answer questions at the time.