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Chairman Landis, Vice-Chairwoman Hagan, and Ranking Member O'Brien, I wish to thank you for allowing The Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber to provide written testimony in support of House Concurrent Resolution 22.

The Regional Chamber is the third-largest metro chamber of commerce in the State of Ohio, with more than 2,500 members that employ more than 150,000 workers. Our members are located in 17 Ohio counties, 94 Ohio cities, nine states from New Jersey to California, and the District of Columbia.

As a member of the Ohio Advisory Board for the Campaign for America's Energy, I wish to convey my support for HCR 22. Over the course of the past eight years, Ohio's families, farmers, and businesses have witnessed the economic benefits of domestic energy production and end-use in our state.

Since exploration first began at the start of this decade, Ohio has become one of the top natural gas producing states in the country. Along with this energy production has been an increase in jobs in natural gas core and supporting industries which employ more than 186,000 Ohioans.

Access to reliable supplies of domestically produced energy has set the stage for the construction of state-of-the-art power plants across the state. This new power generation, combined with the affordability of natural gas, has ensured our businesses are now more competitive than ever.

From Vallourec producing steel in the Mahoning Valley to Cliffs Natural Resources building its first iron ore processing facility in Toledo, new energy-intensive manufacturers are relocating and expanding in all regions of our state providing workers with careers that pay family-sustaining wages. And, based on the recently released IHSMarkit report for Shale Crescent, our state and our region are now better situated to compete for new investment from both the Gulf Coast and across the world than ever before.

But it's not only businesses that are benefitting. Ohio's families now have lower energy costs as a result of our increased energy production. It is estimated that the average family is now able to save \$425 to \$725 annually, year-after-year, as a result of more affordable transportation fuel and natural gas.

The Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber appreciates this committee's work and urges your support of HCR 22 to continue our state's efforts to attract more jobs and new economic opportunities for Ohio's families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Coviello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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