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The Honorable Al Landis  
Chairman, House Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
77 South High Street, 11th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Proponent Testimony - HCR 22

Chairman Landis, Vice-Chairwoman Hagan, and Ranking Member O'Brien I wish to thank you for allowing the Ohio Cast Metals Association to submit written testimony in support of House Concurrent Resolution 22.

From consumers paying low prices at gas pumps to increased economic growth and job creation, our country's energy revolution continues to have a positive domino effect across the map.

Ohio has entered a manufacturing revitalization. Our factories lead the nation in the production of plastics and rubber, fabricated metals, electrical equipment and appliances. In our region, we have seen tremendous growth since the end of the Great Recession. Ohio is now home to more than 1,800 manufacturers, employing 80,000 people. This growth has been partly attributed to affordable, reliable natural gas that is so prevalent here — the same natural gas we use to heat our homes throughout winter. It is also the same natural gas that we are all leaning on more heavily to power our lives at home and at work with electricity.

Manufacturers across our state are all too familiar with how energy impacts their opportunity to remain competitive and pay family-supporting wages, and their employees know how energy impacts their family's finances, especially during this season's never-ending winter. With Ohio's long, cold winters, home heating is not something that Ohioans can simply choose to cut back on, even if money is tight.

By adopting HCR 22, we can ensure that manufacturers of all sizes know that our state will continue to support the development of our natural resources and energy infrastructure to help keep Ohio competitive throughout the region and across the world. And, our families will

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know that energy produced here at home will continue to ensure stable, affordable heating and electric bills for the years to come.

Thank you, again, for allowing the Ohio Cast Metals Association to provide written testimony in support of HCR 22. In the event the committee may have any questions, I may be reached at [kevin@ohiocastmetals.org](mailto:kevin@ohiocastmetals.org) or by phone at 614.507.1050.

Regards,

/s/

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