



Before the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Proponent Testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 22
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Chairman Landis, Vice-Chair Hagan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Zachary Frymier and I am the Director of Energy and Environmental Policy for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer proponent testimony in support of House Concurrent Resolution 22 (HCR 22) on behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

The Ohio Chamber is the state's leading business advocate and we represent nearly 8,000 companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

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 businesses have realized the tremendous 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. Over 3.5 percent of the state's jobs are in shale-related industries, with energy workers earning an average annual wage that is 80 percent higher than non-energy jobs.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute estimates that energy extracted from shale plays could bring an additional 140,000 jobs and \$18 billion in economic growth to Ohio alone by 2020.

The construction of a new iron ore processing facility in Toledo, their first in the state, by our founding member Cliffs Natural Resources highlights that new energy-intensive manufacturers are relocating and expanding throughout Ohio. The benefits to our communities from energy production are only likely to spread based on the recently released IHSMarkit report for Shale Crescent showing that 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.

Energy production right here in Ohio is critical to growing Ohio's economy and bringing economic prosperity to all. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce urges you to support HCR 22.