

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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DATE: 3-21-2017

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF _____ ORGANIZATION

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON
LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): HB 114
SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____
SUBJECT MATTER: _____

DO YOU FAVOR _____ OR OPPOSE THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE?

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT:

I opposes economic Development & Job creation.

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE?

YES NO _____

(IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? written only

House Public Utilities Committee
Opposition Testimony on House Bill 114
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
3:00 P.M.

Last year, the Christian Coalition of Ohio stood with more than 60 businesses and organizations in opposition to HB 554. We oppose HB 114 on similar grounds. As a pro-family organization, we believe it to be in Ohio's best interest to pursue a true, all-of-the-above energy policy that utilizes all natural resources that God has abundantly provided us in Ohio.

We recognize that strong families are created at home. Energy – especially renewable energy – provides jobs and financial stability for thousands of Ohio families. Since Ohio instituted the RPS/EERS, over 30,000 thousand jobs have been created. Studies have suggested that Ohio is poised to continue to create thousands of jobs with a pro-active energy policy. Passage of HB 114 will bring this job growth to a halt.

Energy standards are not uncommon in conservative states. A Renewable Generation Requirement was adopted in Texas during President George W. Bush's time as Governor. The requirement was met and expanded during Energy Secretary Rick Perry's tenure as Governor of Texas. These requirements have been embraced by conservatives in Texas and have led to job creation while positioning Texas as a national leader in energy production. Ohio cannot afford to fall further behind. Our state is currently thirteenth in the nation in energy production. We should look to states like Texas to further expand our capacity for energy production and grow our economy.

Furthermore, we must be mindful to continue energy efficiency programs that will save our families, churches, and small businesses money on their electricity bills. We need not look any further than Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Like many other military bases, Wright Patterson has saved taxpayers over 1 million dollars by enacting energy efficiency measures on base. Savings found in energy efficiency will put more money back into the pockets of Ohio ratepayers.

Should HB 114 pass, it will prove to be a detriment to Ohio's families by negatively impacting economic development, capital investment, and job creation in Ohio. We look forward to working with the General Assembly to ensure that our God-given resources are put to work to strengthen Ohio's families and better position our state's economy for continued growth.