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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF _____ ORGANIZATION

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON
LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): HB 141
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:

It will impede the development of clean energy products & will bring job growth to a secretary level.

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



Testimony of Mel Kurtz
quasar energy group, President
Opposition Testimony for Ohio House Bill 114
March 21, 2017

Chairman Seitz, Vice Chairman Carfagna, Ranking Member Ashford, and Members of the Ohio House Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony today. I write in opposition to House Bill 114.

quasar energy group is concerned with the unprecedented pace at which the House Public Utilities Committee is pushing forward on HB 114, with a hearing scheduled on Tuesday March 21 and a vote shortly thereafter. Due to the compacted time frame and what we perceive as a predetermined outcome, we issue this statement to make clear that we staunchly oppose HB 114.

HB 114 goes even further than HB 554 – which Governor Kasich vetoed in December 2016 – by changing the state's renewable energy standards into unenforceable goals and reducing the energy efficiency benchmarks, with no regard to the resulting devastation on statewide economic development.

By taking this quick action, the Ohio House signals its intent to turn its back on the local communities, schools and businesses who benefit from the positive economic growth of clean energy. Ohio stands to lose significant capital investment & job growth if this shortsighted bill is enacted.

quasar energy group has designed and built ten anaerobic digesters located in Ohio and will add more jobs as we continue to invest in the development of clean energy projects. Since Ohio instituted the RPS/EERS, over 30,000 thousand jobs have been created. Passage of HB 114 will bring that job growth to a screeching halt.

The proponents of HB 114 owe it to the citizens of Ohio to give thoughtful review to HB 114. The RPS and EERS standards have more than proven their value—the least the House Public Utilities Committee members can do is offer a full and robust review of the bill for the public they serve.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Kurtz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mel Kurtz
President