

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 121

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:

would negatively impact our company, the environment
& economic development in Ohio

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
March 21, 2017

Written Testimony of Steve Peplin, CEO
Talan Products, Inc.

Chairman Seitz, Vice Chair Carfagna, Ranking Member Ashford, and Members of the Committee, thanks for the opportunity to submit this testimony. My name is Steve Peplin and I am CEO of Talan Products, Inc.

We are 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 devastation on statewide economic development that will result from its passage.

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 projects. Ohio stands to lose significant capital investment, job growth and economic development if this shortsighted bill is enacted.

Our company stood with more than 60 other business to testify in opposition to HB in 554 and once again stands in opposition to this bill.

Our company, Talan Products, currently has 75 jobs located in Ohio (35% of which produce clean energy components) and will add more jobs as we continue to manufacture clean energy components. Since RPS and EERS standards were instituted in Ohio over 100,000 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 more than lip service to review of HB 114. The RPS and EERS standards have more than proven their value to job creation and economic growth in our State. 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.

We look forward to working with the Senate in a more deliberate manner to reinstate the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) and urge the Senate to take the time to understand the impact of this bill on economic development, capital investment and job creation in Ohio.

Sincerely,
Talan Products

Stephen C Peplin
CEO