

Chairman Vitale, Vice-Chair Kick and Ranking Member Denson, I am here today to give sponsor testimony to House Bill 6, known as the Ohio Clean Air Program.

What does House Bill 6 do? House Bill 6 is an economic incentive bill. It encourages investment and energy generation right here at home. Ohio has gone from an exporter of electric to an importer of electric and this bill incentivizes electric generation right here in the great state of Ohio. Which in turn incentivizes jobs. Which in turn gives businesses know and predictable stable cost for electric all while encouraging and or incentivizing clean or cleaner generation of electric right here in Ohio.

House bill 6 brings not only a reduction in cost to the majority of residential users, but commercial as well as industrial. This bill provides the mechanism that helps Ohio offer diverse energy generation. This means the job creators of Ohio will not be looking at a variable yet increasing cost as they do now with the electric mandates, but stable, consistent, not to mention reduced cost on their electric bill. And let's face it, the low hanging fruit of energy efficiency programs has been taken advantage of and come and gone. The time is now to move forward and stake our claim as an energy producer and exporter here in the mid-west.

Some will say this plan benefits certain forms of generation. Yes, it does offer benefits and incentives, but it's available to all types of generation. If you generate here in Ohio and you do so clean or cleaner, this program offers you incentives.

Now, with that said, we are submitting this bill as a way to make substantial energy reforms in the state of Ohio and we are open to thoughtful and insightful suggestions that will it a better more economical place to live, work and play.

I appreciate your attention and interest and will be happy to take questions.