

May 8, 2019

Dear Honorable Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I'm writing this letter on behalf of the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 296 / Gavin Power Plant, Cheshire Ohio. We have currently 209 full time employees and 550 Union construction employees on site. We would like to speak out in opposition to HB 6. This bill sets a unlevel playing field in a competitive deregulated market, which is unacceptable and unfair. We operate with the most modern emission controls and meet all environmental guidelines in place to be competitive while also being environmental stewards.

HB 6 is misleading in that it talks about lowering our resident's electric bills while it's nothing more than a bailout or corporate welfare. I task each of you with the question of how you can look your constituents in the eye and explain to the elderly and veterans surviving on a limited fixed income that you want them to pay \$30 a year more and that the money is going directly to subsidize already profitable power plants.

At our facility, approximately 40% of our workforce were displaced from other power plants throughout Ohio that shut down and received No Bailout!

We will be following this bill closely and will not sit silent while one company tries to take advantage of the political system to get an unfair advantage over other power plants in Ohio.

Thank You from UWUA Local 296.

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