

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Chairman Nino Vitale
Opponent Testimony on Substitute House Bill 6
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Chair Vitale, Vice Chair Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Rory Gopaul, I am a Director at Carbon Solutions Group, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Ohio Substitute House Bill 6.

Carbon Solutions Group works with small and medium solar installers and system owners to monetize their Renewable Energy Certificates.

We represent 40 Midwestern installers with nearly 2000 operating projects. Many of these installers are looking for opportunities to expand further into Ohio, but many of these smaller projects do require some additional economic stimulus provided by the RPS.

HB6 as written would kill the small to medium size solar market (households and small commercial projects).

Market based incentives that require in-state solar development is undoubtedly the best stimulus for small solar projects. This bill targets large CO2 reducing projects, but the reality is that both large and distributed smaller projects are important for the energy economy.

The existing RPS will allow new Ohio projects to export their RECs to other PJM states thereby providing revenue for large and small projects.

Due to the adverse impact on small to medium solar installers and project owners we strongly oppose HB6.

I appreciate your time and consideration today, I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.