



May 6, 2019

Representative A. Nino Vitale
District 85, 77 S. High St, 12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Vitale and Members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

Re: Substitute House Bill 6, Building Performance Association Opposition to the Repeal of Ohio's Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

The Building Performance Association (the "Association") combines the expertise and resources of the Home Performance Coalition, Efficiency First, and Home Energy magazine to better advance the home and building performance industry through advocacy, education, community building and publications. The Association represents companies, contractors, energy auditors, building product suppliers, and building scientists that are a vital part of a robust and growing energy efficiency industry in Ohio.

The Association's members and affiliates provide the "nuts and bolts" of efficiency upgrades to homes and buildings across Ohio. We are proud of the high-quality services that they deliver and the skilled jobs that they create in communities across the state, including the more than 81,000 people who work in the energy efficiency sector in Ohio.¹

We see firsthand every day that Ohioans value the energy efficiency programs that add new insulation in homes, upgrade lighting in schools, and install new equipment in manufacturing facilities and help residents and businesses save money on their utility bills. Our customers are grateful for buildings and homes that are more comfortable, healthier, and less expensive thanks to the adoption and implementation of Ohio's Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EE Standard) and related programs.

We urge the members of the Committee to support Ohio's existing energy efficiency programs and policies, including Ohio's EE Standard which provides the foundation for the energy-savings upon which Ohio consumers and businesses rely. We urge you to oppose proposals that would roll-back or repeal Ohio's EE Standard and undermine the benefits and utility bill savings that energy efficiency programs provide. Please continue the momentum that Ohio's EE Standard has provided for the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Joseph Cullen".

J. Joseph Cullen, Director of Policy and State Outreach
Building Performance Association

¹ Clean Energy Trust and Environmental Entrepreneurs, 2019 Clean Jobs Midwest: Ohio
<https://www.cleanjobsmidwest.com/>.