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Chairman A. Nino Vitale
Vice Chairman Darrell Kick
Ranking Member Sedrick Denson
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Subcommittee on Energy Generation

Dear Honorable Members:

First, I would like to thank the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation for convening this necessary hearing on House Bill 6. I am writing to express my opposition to the legislation.

Attached you will find my most recent publication titled “The Economics of State Government Assistance to Nuclear Plants” that outlines the economic implications and consequences of offering subsidies to non-competitive energy generation sources, specifically nuclear power.

House Bill 6 offers to subsidize zero-emissions energy more broadly to prevent the closure of two nuclear plants in Ohio. Before passing legislation that could impose \$300 million in new electricity fees on taxpayers it is critical that legislators consider the complete effects of subsidies designed to rescue unprofitable nuclear plants, particularly market distortions and increased costs to residential, commercial and industrial energy users.

Thank you for your consideration of my commentary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Millsap