

## **House Bill 6 Testimony**

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Hello, and thank you to the chairman and distinguished members of this committee for giving me the opportunity to speak with you all today about the importance of passing HB 6, a bill that would update our state's energy policy to recognize and protect Ohio's largest source of emission-free electricity: nuclear power. Not only does nuclear power help keep Ohio's air cleaner and electricity costs lower, but it provides invaluable employment opportunities for people like me. My name is Alan Scheanwald and I work at the Davis-Besse plant as a mechanical engineer.

Unless Ohio's elected officials pass HB 6, the plant I have worked at for almost five years will close down early and altogether, along with the Perry plant outside of Cleveland. Of course, as an employee, I am most directly concerned with how closure of these plants would affect my future and my ability to take care of my family, keep up with my bills, and make ends meet in general. The jobs provided in Ohio's nuclear sector are highly skilled and specialized, and performed by dedicated professionals who work to meet the highest standard in performance, reliability, and safety.

In fact, Ohio's two nuclear plants represent the longest-running major nuclear power fleet in the country without a fuel defect. We also boast the second-highest Institute of Nuclear Power Plant Performance Index in the country. Equipment reliability performance as measured by the Institute of Nuclear Power has also improved by roughly 14 percent, now in the top quartile of all major nuclear fleets in the United States. With regard to

safety, workers at Davis-Besse have worked more than 14,000,000 manhours without a single lost-time accident.

The power we generate at our nuclear facilities also plays an important role in our state's energy mix. Diversity is key to keep electricity reliable and affordable for consumers, and nuclear power helps protect our customers and Ohio ratepayers from price spikes and price gouging—all while producing 90 percent of the carbon-free electricity generated in our state. That's why our state's energy policy needs to be updated to recognize the critical function nuclear power serves.

Please help protect thousands of Ohio workers like me and ensure that all Ohioans continue to benefit from nuclear power's numerous environmental, cost-savings, and employment opportunities. Vote yes on HB 6.