

**House Testimony of Tim Brown, Administrator
Madison Township
Submitted to
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Ohio House of Representatives**

Chairman Vitale, Vice Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and Members of the Committee, my name is Tim Brown and I am the Administrator for Madison Township. I am here representing all three members of the Board of Madison Township Trustees. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak regarding the future of our state's energy policies.

I am here to speak in support of House Bill 6 and to stress the significant role that Ohio's nuclear power plants hold in our community; what it could mean for the lives of all who work for, and benefit from the plants if they close prematurely.

Madison Township lies on the east end of Lake County. To the south we border Geauga County and to the east is Ashtabula County.

The 2010 United States Census Data and the 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year; lists Geauga Co as the second highest ranking Ohio county in terms of Median Household Lake County as #7, and Ashtabula County as #68:

	County	Per capita income	Median Household Income	Median Family Income	Population	Number of Households
2	Gauga	\$32,735	\$65,663	\$76,780	93,389	34,264
7	Lake	\$28,221	\$54,896	\$67,206	230,041	94,156
68	Ashtabula	\$19,898	\$42,139	\$50,227	101,497	39,363

Perry Nuke is the cornerstone economic driver in the Perry/Madison region.

According to the Ohio Municipal Advisory Council, 2 of the 5 top contributors to Madison Township's tax base are FE and a subsidiary; American Transmission Systems

Rank	Taxpayer Name	Current Taxes Payable	Real Estate	Personal Property	% Total 2017 AV
1	CEI	\$870,388.00		\$8,459,318.00	2.37
2	Madison Pt Limited	\$244,543.00	\$2,351,150.00	\$0.00	0.65
3	Walmart	\$225,701.00	\$2,170,000.00	\$0.00	0.6
4	American Transmissions Systems	\$179,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,739,759.00	0.48
5	East Ohio Gas	\$139,130.00	\$231.00	\$1,342,331.00	0.37

There is no argument, the loss of taxes generated by PNC will significantly impact Madison Twp. In addition, it is not unreasonable to believe the tough economic times presently found in Ashtabula County will quickly surface in eastern Lake County and portions of northern Geauga County with the loss of the areas chief economic cornerstone.

HB 6 appears to be a practical approach to ensuring a diverse portfolio of energy sources are maintained in Ohio while actually lowering electricity bills for the average consumer and maintaining the areas current economic stability.

On behalf of Madison Township, I thank you for your efforts thus far, and I urge you to support HB 6.