

**Testimony of Bryce Tischer**  
**Perry Nuclear Generating Station**  
**Submitted to**  
**Energy and Natural Resources Committee**  
**Ohio House of Representatives**

Chairman Vitale, Vice Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and Members of the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify before your committee. My name is Bryce Tischer, and I am here in strong support of House Bill 6, which is essential to help preserve my job and those of thousands of my fellow employees at the Perry Nuclear Generating Station.

Between my plant and the Davis-Besse nuclear plant, there are more than 4,000 hard-working, dedicated Ohioans who depend on these plants for their livelihood. Each of them has a family that depends on the security and stability of the high-skilled jobs at our plants. If these jobs disappear, there is no guarantee my fellow workers and I will find new jobs. The potential job losses and loss of skilled workers would have a devastating impact on our community.

Nuclear powered electric generating plants, like the Perry plant, employ roughly 500 more employees per plant than similarly sized natural gas generating plants. If you travel two hours north to the Lackawanna Energy Center, there is a 1,480-megawatt natural gas plant that employs only 30 people. Furthermore, for every 100 jobs at the nuclear plant, there are 66 additional jobs created throughout the local community. We cannot simply ignore the massive benefits to our state and your constituents.

I am proud of the work we do at the Perry Nuclear Generating Station. All of the workers share a commitment to safety that has allowed our plant to continue operating among the safest and most productive plants in the country. Our plant is also among the highest performing and most reliable nuclear plants in the country. Significant investments have been made at our plant, including major investments in worker training and worker safety.

For all of these reasons and many more, I ask this committee to support HB 6 and help save such important energy and economic assets for the benefit of all Ohioans. We are the backbone of our communities, which spread throughout the state.

Please vote in favor of House Bill 6.

Thank You.