

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE OHIO HOUSE  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
HOUSE BILL 104**

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Thank you, Chairman Vitale and the members of the Energy and Natural Resource committee, for allowing me to testify.

The eGeneration Foundation is dedicated to promoting policies that will:

- Reduce nuclear waste
- Allow the United States to produce its own medical and industrial radioisotopes
- Allow the United States to not be dependent upon other countries for radioisotopes
- Provide competition in the development of advanced nuclear technologies and radioisotope marketplace
- Allow the advancement of nuclear technologies that will produce heat and electricity below current market rates in a safe and affordable manner

Passage of House Bill 104 would be a first important step to signal to federal agencies and legislators that Ohio is ready to start developing its own nuclear program under the watchful eye of the Federal Government. This would build upon Ohio's legacy in the nuclear industry.

Passage of such a bill and a corresponding agreement with federal agencies would almost assuredly mean an explosion of economic activity inside the state of Ohio. Prodding or signaling to the Federal Government is essential as the Federal Government and its agencies are never the first to move in granting such authority to a state without substantive state legislation passage.

An historical example of a state prodding the Federal Government and its agencies is that of the State of New York and the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The eGeneration Foundation has produced a video showing the similarities between HB104 and the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. It is 17-minute mini-documentary. Please consider viewing it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJ8ODakyLA8&t=1s>

Thank you for your consideration!