Ohioans are being underserved by the regulatory structure Ohio electric distribution utilities must work in. H.B. 247 will update and reform an outdated regulatory framework which limits the utility’s ability to help customers make use of new technologies that can make their homes and businesses more efficient. This bill will enhance our ability to help attract new businesses to the state as H.B. 247 makes needed updates to the rules and ensures that all customers have access to services that make their lives better and our state stronger.

**Economic Growth**

- Work with local economic development organizations to grow infrastructure.
- Work with businesses to meet their behind-the-meter needs.
- Provide a regulatory framework that is responsive to customers’ needs for site ready development.

**New Customer Services**

- Beyond wires: offer services like EV charging, energy storage, home automation and energy management, and new services as they become available. EDUs have unique expertise and experience to offer these services.
- Finding the right solution requires time and knowledge of the energy landscape. We can help clear up confusion and ensure that the solutions they choose work well with the larger distribution system.

**Grid Security and Efficiency**

- EDUs can look at holistic solutions for a larger group of customers. This helps keep costs down for everyone.
- We need the grid to be smart, but it also needs to be secure and this bill allows the grid operators to be more involved.
- All customers should benefit from new technology and we can work at a scale that makes it cost effective.