

House Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation

Chair Dick Stein and Chair Michael O'Brien

Opponent Testimony on House Bill 6

Testimony of Sydney Nicole Downs

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Chair Stein, Chair O'Brien, and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation, my name is Sydney Nicole Downs, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Ohio House Bill 6. I do not want to see an increase in my electrical rates in order to create a so called, "clean air program" fund. My generation is heavily burdened by daily expenses already. The cost of living in today's society has increased greatly and the average person's income is hardly enough to keep up with the bills. Many of us, myself included, cannot afford additional expenses. It is also my understanding that the company which would benefit most from the increase in my electrical rates is First Energy Solutions. This subsidiary company of First Energy has had a history of poorly managing the nuclear plants it is responsible for; Ohio citizens should not have to pay for First Energy's mistakes. Therefore, I urge you to protect the working-class people from the greed of privatized companies. If you have any questions for me I will take them now, and thank you again for this opportunity to speak.