Testimony Against House Bill 6; Lynn Friedman

My thanks to Chairman Callendar and the committee for hearing my concerns.

1. I am not totally opposed to nuclear energy, properly harnessed. However harnessing it without danger seems nearly impossible when profit-making organizations are involved.
   a. In France, which has the largest share of nuclear electricity in the world, (72.3% according to Wikipedia), nuclear electricity production is “almost entirely owned by the government.”
   b. Germany, having initially attempted to use nuclear energy along with other renewables, is now phasing it out entirely after several problems with profit-making organizations operating generators. Moreover, it has restricted storage of spent nuclear fuel pools to “dry, hardened storage casks”.¹

2. In the book “Confessions of a Rogue Nuclear Regulator”¹, Gregory Jaczko, a former chairman of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission during and after the Fukushima accident in Japan, states “When I started at the NRC, I gave no thought to the question of whether nuclear power could be contained. By the end, I no longer had that luxury. I know nuclear power is a failed technology.” (p. ix).

3. Others will testify today as to the multiple physical problems which have occurred at First Energy owned plants Davis-Besse and Perry. To allow First Energy to continue on this path is to invite small calamities, if not a major one.

4. I am particularly concerned with the difficulties imposed on Lake Erie. We do not have “dry hardened casks” for used fuel rods or spent nuclear fuel at Davis-Besse; moreover, emissions from steam and heat into Lake Erie will contribute more problems to its waters.

5. I live off the west park road of the Scioto River at Duranceaux Park. Many drivers speed their cars down that road – too few are ticketed for that speeding. A few years ago, one of the park users declared in a letter to the Columbus Dispatch that if she did see someone ticketed for speeding there, she would drink half a cup of water from the Scioto River. I doubt she would have made that threat if she were downstream from Lake Erie.

6. Thank you for your attention.