

Testimony as introduced

Before the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy  
Generation

As introduced by William Catlin

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CO-CHAIRS: Dick Stein, Michael J. O'Brien

Before the Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education

Chairman Stein, Chairman O'Brien, members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resource Subcommittee on Energy Generation, Good Morning. My name is Bill Catlin. I am a long-time community member in the Mahoning Valley, former Police Chief, active in promotion of programs for senior citizens and serve as Lordstown School Board President. I am here today to express concerns myself and many people throughout Ohio have about the proposed legislation that would increase utility bills throughout Ohio.

In my current position as School Board President we have seen firsthand the suffering of families due to manufacturing job losses. The \$300 million dollars per year that would be passed along to our citizens as well as all throughout Ohio additionally burdens them. This regressive plan would hurt those the most who need the most help.

As Board President at Lordstown Schools we also are concerned that such a bailout would adversely affect the building of a \$925 million dollar gas-fired energy plant planning construction in the Fall. This plant is not asking for such a surcharge on citizen bills and the Trumbull Energy Center promises nearly 1,000 construction jobs over nearly a three year period and many other benefits that would have a positive impact on the Mahoning Valley and long-term energy generation benefits throughout Ohio.

Chairman Stein and Chairman O'Brien, members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resource Subcommittee on Energy Generation, I rise in opposition to House Bill 6 due to its negative impact on the Mahoning Valley and to all rate payers throughout the State of Ohio. I am happy to take any questions you may have. Thank you.