Chair Stein, Chair O’Brien and Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation my name is David Cruz. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Ohio House Bill 6.

I have been a customer of First Energy the majority of my adult life and I was stunned to hear about their business practices. Over the course of twenty years, First Energy has received 11 billion dollars in bailout money. I find it disgusting that a company that recorded 980 million dollars in net profits last year is asking for a bailout.

Why is it that a company that can clearly pay for their own mistakes are asking Ohio taxpayers to bail them out. Ohioans like myself are tired of bailing out the rich and seeing my tax dollars go to fixing the top 1% problems.

Thank you for your time, I am happy to take any questions.