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Ohio has not had a comprehensive energy policy for years, and I want to recognize that the notion of starting with ideas to reduce carbon emissions is a good first step.

However, HB 6 is clearly not a good mechanism for reducing carbon emissions. It bails out costly nuclear plants at the expense of low-cost, truly carbon-free energy sources like wind and solar and at the cost of proven strategies like energy efficiency. The bill would take away incentives for clean energy and for reducing energy waste, thereby causing Ohio's carbon emissions to go up, not down.

I specifically oppose HB 6 because it would:

- Increase Ohio's carbon footprint by doing away with Ohio's renewable portfolio standard (RPS) and energy efficiency resource standard (EERS), which together are reducing Ohio's reliance on coal-fired power plants. These policies are slated to reduce Ohio's annual carbon pollution by about 10 million tons between 2017 and 2029—equivalent to avoiding emissions from the annual electricity consumption of 1 million homes.
- Dial back investment in cost-saving energy efficiency. Ohio's EERS had delivered over \$4.5 billion in energy savings to Ohioans' utility bills since 2009. HB 6 proposes to dismantle this policy, leaving a lot of untapped energy efficiency potential on the table.
- Put Ohio jobs at risk: Over [112,000 Ohioans](#) are employed in the clean energy sector. The 80,000 Ohioans employed in the energy efficiency sector stand to be impacted the most.
- Harm Ohioans' health: Due to rollback of Ohio's RPS and EERS, the legislation would [forgo the projected health benefits](#) that these standards provide - prevention of over 44,000 asthma attacks, 2,400 asthma-related emergency room visits, 4,400 heart attacks and over 2,800 premature deaths attributable to coal-plant pollution.

Please listen to me and countless other Ohioans who oppose this misguided bill. Please take our climate crisis seriously. Oppose HB 6 and protect and strengthen our state's commitment to increased energy efficiency, solar power and wind power.