

**Written Testimony of Scott Miller
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**Submitted to
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Ohio Senate**

Chairman Wilson, Vice-Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Committee, thank you for providing an opportunity for me to submit a statement in support of House Bill 6. This legislation will ensure that 90% of the carbon-free electricity produced in Ohio remains available in Ohio. Yes, the Davis-Besse and Perry nuclear power plants are the dominant producers of clean energy in our state, by a significant margin.

Support for House Bill 6 is an opportunity for lawmakers to make a long-term investment in Ohio's clean energy future. Ohio's existing energy policies fail to provide for the state's largest source of zero-carbon emission energy. House Bill 6 rectifies this omission to ensure that nuclear energy remains available to Ohio.

House Bill 6, which establishes the Ohio Clean Air Program, will allocate funds to the state's nuclear power plants, which are slated to close early in 2020 and 2021. The proposed legislation protects the over 4,000 jobs that are supported by Ohio's two nuclear plants and will ensure that the \$30 million that the plants pay in state and local taxes will not go away. Good paying jobs and tax revenues for the state have an economic impact on working families in Sandusky County and across Ohio.

It's important to remember that if Ohio's nuclear power plants close, they will close permanently and be replaced with fossil fuel burning plants. We cannot allow fossil fuels to become Ohio's only source of energy generation – it is bad for the air and bad for the energy market. Additionally, gas plants employ far fewer workers than nuclear plants.

HB 6 is a pragmatic approach to modernizing Ohio's energy policies, and I thank you in advance for your support of this legislation.