

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

House Bill 6 is bad for consumers, the economy, and the environment. The bill is a tax on consumers to bailout failed utility businesses that are no longer cost competitive in the marketplace. Utilities should use their own money. First Energy is in bankruptcy court and has spent \$1.5 million on political donations since 2017. First Energy will receive about \$170 million per year in subsidies. House Bill 6 guts the state's renewable energy and energy efficiency standards to pay for nuclear and coal plants resulting in an increase in emissions and a loss of jobs in Ohio overtime. Ohio is a leading manufacturer of parts for wind and solar. Those renewable energy jobs are just as important for our future. We need a program that increases investments in renewable energy and helps with climate change. Instead of bailing out coal and nuclear plants to keep lining the pockets of the utility companies and maintain the coal and nuclear jobs, that money should go towards retraining those workers to help them find jobs in the growing solar and wind industry in Ohio. The clean energy of nuclear results in toxic and deadly wastes and contaminates. Davis Besse has and will continue to run with numerous violations. Please do not continue to keep your head in the sand, House Bill 6 does not require nuclear plants to meet strong standards. Granting them a bailout does not change the fact that these nuclear and coal plants are no longer cost competitive in the marketplace and are not positive solutions for the environment.

Most importantly, I do not want a local township to have veto power over a wind farm. Climate change and tariffs on China have hurt farmers. Wind turbines can help provide funding for schools as well as county and township services. Landowners have property rights. Rural areas are income depressed with our current government actions. Do I have the right to vote on Davis Besse? Can I vote on all the new cell towers that will be built for the internet and 5G coverage? If my township can vote on how I use my land, why shouldn't I be able to vote on how all of my neighbors use their land too? I have the right to use my land as I see fit, no one else should be telling me what I can have built on my property. It is a slippery slope to let someone vote on my land rights. Next I will not be able to build storage facilities for animals or there will be a township referendum for the time of day I can operate farm machinery. Just imagine the possibilities that can be put up to a vote following this precedent. If we do not have access to property rights, we can just hang up the future for our children, our children's children, and generations upon generations to come, because this country will be unrecognizable. Wind and solar are positive energy sources for our future generations, and stripping away property rights is impossibly dangerous for our future generations.

Thank you for your time. Please vote no on House Bill 6 and the local township referendum process on wind energy projects.

Sincerely,

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