

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee  
Chairman Steve Wilson  
Opponent Testimony on Substitute House Bill 6  
Testimony of Bradley Holmes

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Chair Wilson, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Williams, and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, my name is Bradley Holmes and I am writing to you today as an opponent to Substitute House Bill 6.

I am a resident of Lakewood, OH and a customer of FirstEnergy. I am sternly opposed to HB 6 as it is quite clearly legislation slated to prop up outdated nuclear plants while slashing renewable energy progress in the state - all at the expense of Ohio businesses, municipalities, and customers.

In Ohio we are falling behind the renewable energy race. Meanwhile, other states and countries are surging ahead. Making the move toward renewable energy is simply not just something those others states and countries *want* to do, it is something they realize we *need* to do.

I am no expert in energy policy or in economics or in climate science, but it is clear that the message from all of those fields is: 'we must embrace renewables, and we must do it now'. Let's join this progress and development, not harm it with corporate welfare legislation.

Lastly, as an alumni from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH, I stand behind their opposition to HB 6 which would negatively impact all of the progress they have made in renewable energy in Ohio. It is a crime to punish a town like Bowling Green who has made committed investments to advancing renewable energy progress in Ohio - where renewable energy development has been repeatedly undermined for years.

We must stop this constant harm we impose onto renewables. And more directly, we absolutely must stop the corporate bailout that is Ohio House Bill 6. I urge the Committee to vote no on this dangerous, unwanted legislation.