

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Chairman Steve Wilson
Opponent Testimony on Substitute House Bill 6
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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 Summer Bialko, intern, Ohio Citizen Action, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Substitute House Bill 6.

I have personally lived with asthma for most of my youth. As I have grown my asthma has become dormant and I originally had been told I grew out of the chronic disease back in 2007. However, as time has gone on and the air of Ohio and America has continuously been polluted, my asthma has returned ten-fold and is only getting worse as time continues. It is important to me and to the other thousands of Ohioans and Americans that Ohio chooses to protect the air and chooses the health of their constituents over the bail out of a money hungry energy company's pollution industry. There is not much time left, and it is important that you choose to be part of the solution instead of being part of the problem. I am coming to the point in my life where I have to decide if I want to start a family and frankly, I am too scared to bring life to this earth if I cannot promise clean air to breath, clean water to drink, or a healthy earth to live on. Please oppose House Bill 6 to choose the health of the earth and Ohioans over money.

I appreciate your time and consideration today, I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.