

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee,

Ohio needs to promote the future, not subsidize the past. Renewable energy, solar and wind specifically, bring with them a significant amount of jobs for the state, significant investment in economically-depressed counties, and a pathway to a cleaner energy future. House Bill 6 seeks to bail out outdated and noncompetitive coal and nuclear plants while simultaneously attacking wind and solar energy through the local referendum and the elimination of the renewable portfolio standard. This essentially seeks to give these coal and nuclear plants a monopoly in the state by subsidizing them while attacking the viability of wind and solar energy.

The local referendum process on wind energy is a policy that especially doesn't make sense. If this type of policy was in place for all power generation sources, these coal and nuclear plants seeking a bailout wouldn't have existed in the first place. A township telling landowners how they can and cannot use their land when it is a legal and permitted use is a complete removal of landowner rights. How long until hog barns are put up to a township vote? Why would the next coal plant or nuclear plant invest in the state of Ohio if this type of legislation could pass at any moment and potentially doom their project? This policy is anti-business and anti-property rights, and therefore it is anti-Ohio.

Please support the growth of renewable energy in Ohio and don't continue to bail out the dirty and non-competitive coal and nuclear plants. Please vote no on House Bill 6.

Sincerely,

Mary Musko