

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Chairman Steve Wilson

Opponent Testimony on Substitute House Bill 6

Testimony of David Cruz

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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 David Cruz and I am writing this as a concerned citizen of Ohio, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Substitute House Bill 6.

Currently in my life, I have just finished getting my master's degree in political science. I worked hard; I studied long hours and sacrifice time with family and friends. I thought at the end of the day it will be all worth it. Sadly after it was all said and done, and all the celebrating was over, there were no jobs close to the level of education I gained.

I currently work for two dollars above minimum wage, and I have to pay off a lot of money in student loans, I can't afford to have my electric bill raised. I am very upset that a multibillion dollar company like First Energy wants a bail out. Where is my bail out? I don't make enough money to help millionaires pay for stuff their stockholders should pay for. Why do we constantly have to give these greedy companies tax payer funds?

There are good people playing by the rules that need the help more. I refuse to pay any increase in my electric bill because a corporation forgot how to run their plants.

Lastly I hear that you want to send some of that money to a coal plant in Indiana. This is terrible and extremely shameless. As I stated before there are good Ohioans that need help and you choose to help another state over your own. Where is the loyalty?

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

David Cruz