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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee – Chairman, Senator Balderson and Vice Chair, Senator Jordan, thank you for allowing me to represent my employer at this proponent hearing.

McWane Ductile Ohio, located in Coshocton is a world-class manufacturer of lead free ductile iron pipe, used around the world for water and wastewater applications. Our creed is, “Building Iron Strong Utilities for Generations”. We employ 4,200 team members around the world, and at our facility just down the road in Coshocton, over 400 of those team members use more than 1 million pounds of recycled, scrap steel every day, artfully turning it into 500-600 tons of finished pipe.

As a company, we support any legislation that truly benefits the State of Ohio’s biggest resource, its people. We think this bill will help improve the quality of our state’s surface water, and also ensure residents of a failing water system that the Ohio EPA will assist them in their time of need. In addition, as the second largest consumer of scrap steel in the state of Ohio, McWane Ductile is glad to see the reclassification of slag, a byproduct of our manufacturing process.

In previous meetings with Senator Hite, he seemed extremely pleased that this Bill is able to tackle so many issues key to our great state. As a company, McWane Ductile agrees with his sentiments, and we support Senate Bill 2.

Thank you very much.