



Chairman Balderson, Ranking Member O'Brien, Vice Chair Jordan and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

As the leaders of an advanced energy company in Ohio, we applauded Governor Kasich's veto of HB 554, which would have extended the freeze on clean energy in the state. Our view is that his action sent a clear signal that Ohio is ready to once again pursue an all-of-the-above energy policy.

It is a fact that renewable energy and energy efficiency are good for consumers, businesses, the environment, and the economy. Businesses locating or expanding in Ohio are increasingly demanding clean energy. Competing states have adopted smart and effective state policy that promotes alternative forms of energy. We stand ready to work with Governor Kasich to maintain a stable clean energy market in Ohio that will create jobs, lead to billions of dollars in new investment and ensure reliable, low cost electricity for Ohioans.

We see little change compared to the HB 554 if not regression in HB 114 because it limits the benefits of advanced energy technologies for Ohio consumers. We ask the Committee to consider the following:

- Falling costs, technological innovation, and consumer preferences are driving a transition to a more diverse resource mix in which advanced energy plays an increasingly dominant role.
- Advanced energy brings numerous benefits. Specifically, advanced energy resources guarantee a consumer's energy cost through long-term fixed contracts that are not susceptible to price volatility. These technologies give consumers more control over their own energy use.
- Technological innovation ultimately benefits consumers by increasing competition in the marketplace among energy technologies, driving down the cost of electricity, and increasing opportunities for customers to exercise choice in their power sources and save money by controlling their utility bills.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony before you regarding this legislation.

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