

Good afternoon members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Jeremy Kitson and I am a rural resident of Harrison Township of Van Wert County. I strongly support HB 114 to return purchasing mandates on all Ohio Utilities and consumers back to goals. Ohio's RPS is a burden to all utility consumers. This evidence can be read here:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2014/04/07/bureaucrats-are-boosting-your-utility-bill/>

<https://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/high-cost-renewable-electricity-mandates-5987.html>

<https://www.investors.com/politics/commentary/moving-to-renewable-energy-is-more-costly-than-you-think/>

<https://instituteeforenergyresearch.org/analysis/rps-and-electricity-prices/>

Our state RPS raises the cost of electricity on us all by forcing us to buy a product mandated by the state. This is a complete overreach for a limited government, free market conservative like myself. It is not the government's job to force consumers to buy anything. This is a complete manipulation of how markets are intended to work. This standard disincentivizes certain generators to bring a more affordable product to our electricity markets. There are numerous generous taxpayer and ratepayer funded structures that favor certain generation over others already. This only compounds the problem. I ask that you strongly consider voting YES on HB 114 that has already passed the Ohio House. Should you need to ask me any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 419-357-2815 or at kitson29@gmail.com.

I thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

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