

Testimony, K.C. Oxendale

Good morning, thank you for giving me the chance to tell you why I support House Bill 6.

My name is K.C. Oxendale, and I'm a nuclear engineer at the Davis-Besse plant. I am in favor of state government policies that help create good jobs for Ohio workers and I believe House Bill 6 will do that. It not only protects current jobs at power generation facilities but also lays the groundwork for a stronger Ohio economy and more job creation in a wide range of other industries.

Clean energy is a hugely important part of the modern U.S. economy. More companies are demanding clean energy and zero-emission power generators are employing more people. Over 3 million Americans now work in clean energy and the industry is growing all the time.

Ohio must invest in our clean energy resources if we want to continue the economic expansion we have seen over the last several years. House Bill 6 will help support clean energy by rewarding power companies for providing zero-emission and low-emission electricity to both commercial and residential ratepayers. The impacts of its improved strategy for encouraging clean energy will not only protect the Ohio environment but also promote the creation of new jobs in power generation and the many other industries that depend on electricity suppliers.

House Bill 6 will also save existing jobs, including more than 4,000 jobs directly and indirectly supported by the power plants that are responsible for 90 percent of all the carbon emission-free electricity produced in the state. If House Bill 6 is not approved, plant closures will eliminate those jobs as well as 14 percent of the entire Ohio energy supply.

We need more energy jobs in Ohio, not fewer. Passing House Bill 6 will show Ohio workers that their representatives in the General Assembly care about them and their families and stand with them in their pursuit of livable wages and quality of life in our home state.

A vote for House Bill 6 is a vote for Ohio workers. Please give this legislation your full support.

Thank you.