

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 12/02/2020

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 798

Specific Issue: Opposed to HB 798, meeting 12/03/2020

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am a Certified Energy Manager. In my day job I am responsible for energy management at a 5 million sq ft campus. Over the last decade I have watched as Ohio has slipped backward on energy policy while our neighboring states move forward into the future. Without speaking on behalf of my employer, I can tell you that Ohio's steady slide backward will materially impact the energy budgets of organizations like ours. HB 6 is the ultimate example of this. The retrocommissioning programs funded by the former energy efficiency mandate have made a massive impact on our energy consumption and costs. These mandates also save ratepayers money over time because they help to curb our growing energy consumption and reduce the need for expensive upgrades to the grid. I can tell you that HB 6 will also result in lost jobs. For example, we replaced tens of thousands of light bulbs on our campus with the help of our local utility's rebate programs. Losing

these rebates means we will have fewer opportunities to upgrade lighting, which means fewer jobs for electricians and local distributors in our area. I have many friends and colleagues whose jobs are based in large part on projects funded by rebate programs. There has been no thought into the affect that this will have on the many workers in Ohio who will lose their jobs because of HB 6.

To save these jobs, nothing less than a straight repeal of HB 6 is acceptable. Ohio's energy policy wasn't perfect, but it was much better when we had strong efficiency and renewable energy programs. Don't delay saving these jobs, because in one year you may not be able to get them back. Vote no on HB 798 and repeal HB 6 so that we can come back to the table next year for an honest effort at improving Ohio's energy policy.

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