

Representative Hoops, Vice Chair Abrams, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the Select Committee on Energy Policy and Oversight,

I had previously written to Rep. Grendell concerning my extreme disapproval of House Bill 6 and the manner in which it was implemented. I see by this proposed Bill 798 that you have chosen to rewrite and modify HB 6 instead of rescinding it and starting over with language that truly benefits ratepayers and not just the utilities.

As with most Ohioans I was mostly offended by how the bill was passed and not as much by its intent and language. In the original bill I was concerned more with the subsidies provided to the old worn out and massively polluting coal fired plants (not to mention the fact that one is located in Indiana and not Ohio!) and secondly, in HB 6, the removal of incentives for construction of new and nonpolluting power generating facilities. I really don't have a problem with the incentives and charges in the bill to keep the nuclear power plants continuing operation. As a matter of fact we should be building more of these facilities along with more research on better and more practical ways of disposing of the waste.

I read as much as I could understand of the modified proposed bill 798 (* since it was obviously written by the utilities and their lawyers and is jibberish to most ordinary citizens). You would be wise to throw the whole mess (HB 6) out and start over with legislation that truly benefits Ohioans and our environment and not just the utilities. I am not opposed to paying for clean energy generation. The extra year before implementation of HB 798 (assuming you even pass it) merely gives you and the utilities another year for more Ohioans to forget how bad this bill (HB 6) is and let it quietly slip into effect

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