

December 14, 2020

**RE: HB 798**

**To Chair Hoops, Vice Chair Abrams, Ranking Member Leland and members of the House Energy Policy and Oversight Committee:**

I am asking what no constituent in a democracy should have to ask their representatives to do. I respectfully request that you put **The People** before big corporations and reject HB 798. Everyone knows that HB6 was a sham, most notably the Ohio legislators who crafted, sponsored, and forced it through the Assembly. The same may be said of those who ignored the health and safety of Ohioans along with our vehement opposition to the bill and passed it any way. Now we have its evil cousin HB 798. Will our representatives once again support the energy corporations who need the public bailouts or do the right thing for Ohioans and reject it?

You know the situation. You know the corruption that birthed HB 6 and led to HB 798. You know that Ohioans want a total repeal of HB 6, and you know that HB 798 is a smoke-and-mirrors gambit to stifle attempts to do that. I could write pages about how dangerous HB 798 is to Ohioans, our environment, and global efforts to stem climate change. I could show evidence of how HB 798, HB 6, and many others favored by this gerrymandered Ohio Assembly consistently stab my beloved Democracy in the back. I could do these things, and so could you. The big money priorities of both of these these bills could not be more obvious.

What I fail to understand is why is HB 789 even a bill? What do any Ohio legislators get out of prioritizing the demands of energy corporations over those of your constituents? Even if we do not matter to them, surely those in favor of HB 798 care about their families. They must be aware that their children and grandchildren's future prospects are tied to the sustainability of the planet and to *a thriving democratic government*. Why then, would anyone support any corrupt-laden bill? May I remind the committee that bills don't get more corrupt than bills surrounding HB 6, including the notorious granddaddy HB 6.

Is it asking too much to request that the Ohio Assembly focus on the issues of the People? Is that not, after all, the number 1 responsibility of all elected Ohio representatives? My God, if you don't vote against HB 798 for Ohioans, then do it for your loved ones. Think how proud they will be of you for standing up for the People, not big money.

**Please reject HB 798 and repeal HB 6.**

Sincerely,

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