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Regarding HB 798

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

I am testifying in opposition to HB 798. I realize that this is an effort to reduce the impact of HB 6 on the citizens of our State, and possibly to improve the nation's perception of Ohio's energy policymaking. I was shocked when I learned of the FBI's investigation into the underpinnings of HB 6. And I was embarrassed to be represented by politicians who operate this way. I thank you for acknowledging this problem and for suggesting that something needs to be done about it.

I don't believe that HB 798 is the correct response. The correct response is to repeal HB 6 and to craft a bill that reflects a thorough and well-thought energy policy for our State. Until HB 6 is actually repealed, the scandalous process by which it came into being will always be with us. The scandal cannot be cleaned up by a piecemeal process of which HB 798 appears to be the first step.

Let's begin with a real energy policy and create legislation to implement that policy. This is the right thing for Ohio and you are the people empowered to bring this to life.

Thank you.