

Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation

Rep. Dick Sein

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Good morning, my name is Franco Lucarelli, and I'm the Director of Utilities for the City of Warren, Ohio. On behalf of Mayor William "Doug" Franklin, his administration, the citizens of Warren and its surrounding communities I am here to voice our **opposition** to **H.B. 6**. Warren, Ohio is a middle-class community, with a population of approximately 41,000, located approximately 50 minutes south of the Perry nuclear plant. Warren has been hit hard by the loss of manufacturing Jobs since 2008. **H.B. 6** Is a \$300,000,000/year bailout that will burden our citizens unnecessarily, and tampers with Ohio's free and open electricity generation market; furthermore, jeopardizing a new permitted \$925,000,000 gas-fired plant in our neighboring community Lordstown Ohio. Derailing the Trumbull Energy Center (TEC) would be a terrible blow to our region.

Today, Warren is on the verge of a tremendous opportunity to receive a very much needed economic boost if the TEC project moves forward.

TEC will provide 1,000 lucrative and needful construction jobs during its projected 34-month construction. These jobs will be filled by laborers from Warren, it's surrounding communities in Trumbull and Mahoning counties, as well as all over the state of Ohio.

During the construction phase, Warren will receive an infrastructure investment of \$25,000,000-\$30,000,000 in the three phases of construction needed to supply TEC water.

Those projects include:

- \$6,000,000 - \$8,000,000 on upgrades at the Warren Water Treatment Plant
- \$10,000,000 - \$12,000,000 to build a new water pump station
- \$10,000,000 - \$12,000,000 to install 6 miles of 24" water main

After construction is completed and the TEC goes into production, Warren and its surrounding communities will continue to receive economic benefits from the TEC over the projected 50 years.

Warren will receive revenue in excess of \$120,000,000 in water sales for production. This revenue will help to stabilize water rates for the residents of Warren and the surrounding communities such as Lordstown, Howland Township, Champion Township, Cortland and

Trumbull County that are supplied water by Warren. Also, the revenue generated from the TEC will contribute immensely to the much-needed infrastructure replacement and rehabilitation of Warren's water system.

The recent closure of the General Motors Lordstown plant and the loss of 4,500 jobs at the plant and another projected loss of 7,000 ancillary jobs throughout the Trumbull and Mahoning Counties area (together with the loss of \$700,000 annually in the sale of water) has and will continue to have a negative economic effect. **H.B. 6** will add to this negative economic impact.

H.B. 6 will have a devastating negative economic impact for the City of Warren, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties and residents throughout Ohio. I ask you to stand with us in **opposition** to **H.B. 6**.

Thank you.

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