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**House Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation**

**Chair Dick Stein and Chair Michael O'Brien**

**Opponent Testimony on House Bill 6**

**Testimony of Tom Bullock**

**Councilperson at Large, City of Lakewood**

**April 24, 2019**

Chair Stein, Chair O'Brien, and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation: my name is Tom Bullock, and I am a Councilperson at Large for City of Lakewood in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Ohio House Bill 6.

The City of Lakewood has committed significant efforts of its own to reducing energy consumption, using clean generation, and modeling the way to lower-intensity and cleaner energy usage. We all have a stake in these issues—for cost savings and public health.

I ask that you eliminate any language from House Bill 6 that restricts, disqualifies or in any way presents roadblocks or weakens renewable clean energy development, renewable energy standards or energy efficiency. These provisions would unnecessarily stunt economic and job growth in the Buckeye State.

Based on the success of wind farm development in other Ohio communities, I ask you to consider no new energy bill without including the restoration of reasonable wind siting regulations so that developers are no longer hindered by the current, unreasonable setbacks.

Please make renewable clean energy a top priority in any energy policy considered to continue to attract new, highly-trained, highly-paid jobs and billions of dollars in new investment. Ohio needs to encourage, not discourage renewable energy development, especially as access to renewable energy is often a top site selection priority for Fortune 100 and 500 companies.

I appreciate your time and consideration today. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

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