

House Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation
Chair Dick Stein and Chair Michael O'Brien
Opponent Testimony on House Bill 6
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Chair Stein, Chair O'Brien, and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation, my name is Jason Slattery, Director of Solar, GEM Energy, thank you for the opportunity to submit to you written testimony today as an opponent to Ohio House Bill 6.

Mandating new taxes on the backs of Ohio rate payers to solely prop up failing nuclear plants who cannot compete in Ohio's deregulated open market is unfair and wrong. It is shortsighted to repeal the RPS and Energy Efficiency Standards.

For years now we have spoken our unheard voice to the leadership of the House, Senate, and Governor's about the importance of a diversified energy mix to afford all rate payers clean, stable, and affordable energy. This bill sends a clear message that Ohio lawmakers are listening more to strong-arm lobbyists and special interest groups and putting the interest of the Ohio rate payer's second.

Unfortunately this bill states that Ohio is not open for business. This bill sends a message to developers and investors, take your projects to other states, we don't want your long term investments nor the long term jobs that these developments will bring with them.

Ohio needs long term, fair, diversified, and stable energy policy. HB 6 doesn't give us any of this. I urge you to oppose this bill and promote policy that nurtures and advances the investments and jobs creators of tomorrow – Solar, Wind, Storage, and Energy Efficiency.

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

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