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Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Subcommittee on Energy Generation
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Columbus, OH 43215

Chairmen Stein, O'Brien, and Members of the Committee,

Savion is a solar and energy storage development company based in Lenexa, Kansas. Our company is the result of a recent split from Tradewind Energy, which is responsible for the successful development of over 5,600 MW of renewable resources across 13 states representing over \$8.6B in capital expenditures. Savion is active in Ohio, developing a portfolio of over 800 MWs of solar and over 100 MW of storage worth approximately \$1B, all of which is located in rural counties.

Several provisions on HB 6 would have a negative impact on Ohio and the PJM Interconnection generally. Looking at the PJM Interconnection queue for resources located in Ohio, there are currently 14,000 MW of wind and solar waiting to be studied. The companies developing those resources chose Ohio for a myriad of reasons, one of them being the solid market demand created by Ohio's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard, for which HB 6 removes the funding. Though the AEPS is only for 12.5% of all retail sales in Ohio through 2026, it represents approximately 37% of the overall demand for renewable resources in PJM during that timeframe. As such, HB 6 would have negative impacts on rural development throughout the region.

The over \$300m in annual spending in HB 6 on Clean Air Resources would better serve Ohio residents if it were spent on Tier 1 renewable resources to meet the existing AEPS. New renewable resources have a near \$0 marginal operating cost with long-term guaranteed prices providing protections against rising fuel prices. In addition they offer tremendous local tax impact for communities, increased rents for rural farmers, and provide well-paying jobs in communities which are often struggling to attract capital investment. Spending that money to prop up existing uncompetitive generating resources will only have the effect of raising rates and slowing investment in Ohio's rural communities.

I appreciate your time and ask that the Committee vote No on HB 6.

Sincerely,

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