

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Chairman Steve Wilson
Opponent Testimony on Substitute House Bill 6

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Chair Wilson, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Williams, and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, my name is Tatiana Rodzos, and I am writing to you as an opponent to Substitute House Bill 6.

I recently moved to Lakewood, Ohio, and have been a paying customer of First Energy for four years. I strongly oppose all aspects of Substitute House Bill 6. This proposed legislation was made without any consideration for the health and well-being of the public/consumers, or of our air and water, which support public health.

I urge Ohio's lawmakers to look forward, and propel Ohio into leadership of clean energy. The people of Ohio are deserving of safe, secure and sustainable jobs, of clean and healthy air and water, and of clean, sustainable and secure energy. With HB 6, the people's pockets are taken advantage of in order to prop up failing and insecure energy resources that will be of no benefit, in fact dangerous, to Ohioans in the near future.

As a young Ohioan, I want to see a bright, safe future for me in Ohio. Currently, I see Ohio legislators absolutely disregarding any measure that ought to be taken to ensure a safe, sustainable, clean and flourishing future for Ohioans. I graduated from Bowling Green State University this year, and now work full-time at a promising job in Cleveland, Ohio. Although I see a future in my career here in Cleveland, at this time I do not see a future for myself in Ohio as a whole. Ohio is no longer competitive with any progressive or forward-moving states. If Ohio eliminates renewable energy standards, and continues to invest (with non-consenting taxpayer dollars) in old, dirty, and hazardous coal and nuclear energy, I will have to relocate and continue my life in a more competitive state, where legislation is clearly designed to *improve* public health and well-being. I want to live where lawmakers think of the health, jobs, and energy of the future, not that of the past.

Conditionally, thank you for making the right decision by Ohioans, and by Ohio's safe and secure future.