

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Women in Nuclear: Lindsay Humble, Perry Nuclear Plant
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My name is Lindsay Humble and I am here today to testify in favor of House Bill 6 and the Ohio nuclear power industry.

Women across Ohio support the nuclear industry for the many benefits it provides to Ohio. That includes: clean energy, good paying jobs, a stronger economy, and the benefits it provides to our environment. On behalf of Women in Nuclear, I urge the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee to support all of the positive impacts that nuclear power has on our state by endorsing House Bill 6.

Nuclear power is the largest source of zero-emission electricity in Ohio. Because of its existence here, 11 million fewer tons of carbon are released into the atmosphere each year. It accomplishes this environmental feat safely and cleanly as well, with Ohio nuclear plants Perry and Davis-Besse earning reputations as some of the most reliable facilities in the entire U.S. nuclear fleet.

Many women work in Ohio's nuclear power industry, or in other industries that benefit from the economic stimulus nuclear plants provide. They make family-wage salaries, producing clean energy that helps keep utility bills down and factories and communities supplied with power.

The closure of Perry and Davis-Besse would put many Ohio residents and women out of work, while simultaneously having a devastating effect on the economies of local communities. This has happened in other states, where the loss of a nuclear plant has caused real estate values to plummet and small businesses to fail as their nuclear-related customers move away. We do not want to see the same thing happen in Ohio.

Maintaining the dependable supply of affordable power that nuclear provides to Ohio is an important issue for myself and families across the state. House Bill 6 will not only help prevent rate increases by keeping our nuclear plants in business, it will also eliminate multiple additional

charges the average Ohio ratepayer faces today. This legislation will save electricity consumers millions of dollars each year. On an individual residential basis, it's savings of \$3.68 per month, on average.

It is crucial that Ohio continues to benefit from a diverse array of energy suppliers, for energy security, affordable utility costs, and, of course, environmental protection. Failure to pass House Bill 6 would eliminate 90 percent of Ohio's carbon-free power, putting us more at the mercy of less environmentally friendly, less cost-effective ways of producing electricity.

House Bill 6 is not a bailout of nuclear power. That is an unfair and inaccurate criticism. It is simply a commonsense investment in Ohio energy, similar to the many other state and federal supports for all kinds of energy production we have seen over the years.

Ohio women in nuclear power understand the importance of this clean, safe energy resource and want to see it protected. We ask you to please give House Bill 6 your full support and keep nuclear power operating in our state.

Thank you,

Lindsay Humble

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