



Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee  
Chairman Steve Wilson  
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The Ohio Conservative Energy Forum (OHCEF) was founded by Ohio conservatives who believe that Ohio can lower energy costs through the embrace of all sources of energy. This includes increasing Ohio's commitment to the development to new, innovative forms of homegrown renewable energy generation and continuing successful energy efficiency programs. OHCEF views a diverse, all-of-the-above energy portfolio as a conduit for economic growth, military might, and Ohio-led innovative progress. OHCEF has long acknowledged the importance of coal, natural gas, and nuclear energy in Ohio, but also recognizes the need for a diversified energy portfolio that does not place undue restrictions on new, made-in-Ohio renewable energy generation.

With this in mind, **OHCEF was heartened to see the removal of troubling language regarding township referendums of wind projects.** County commissions remain the best option to ensure local control over wind projects. Localities such as Paulding County should be looked to as benchmarks of what kind of future is possible for communities that have access to the many benefits of renewable energy development. Responsible governance in Paulding County has become a case study in how renewable energy development allows localities to increase services to citizens while also dramatically improving local economies. It is imperative that legislation does not place burdensome regulations on emerging industries that are poised to greatly benefit Ohio for decades to come.

OHCEF extends its gratitude to this committee for its desire to keep renewable energy a part of Ohio's energy future and is appreciative of new funds that would be made available through the OAQDA to Ohio-based renewable energy resources. Through utility investment and procurement, Ohio has seen the price of solar decrease by 80% and the price of wind decrease by 60%. **It is essential that Ohio champion policies that allow opportunities for the emerging renewable energy industry to continue to grow while exploiting innovative industrial progress.**

As this body proceeds with its deliberations, OHCEF looks forward to continuing to work with legislators to ensure renewable energy projects are financeable and poised to bring jobs and economic prosperity to our state. Should the Chairman or members of the committee wish to discuss this testimony further, the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum is always available for further conversation. I can be reached by email at [tyler@ohcef.org](mailto:tyler@ohcef.org).