

I fully support Senate Bill 346, which repeals HB 6. HB 6 provides subsidies for Ohio's nuclear plants and two coal-fired power plants. In addition, the bill eliminates Ohio's renewable energy standards in order to offset the new subsidies for nuclear and coal. HB 6 was a bad piece of legislation from the moment it was introduced to the legislature. Eliminating renewable energy standards at a time when other states are strengthening their standards means that Ohio falls further behind in switching to renewable energy. Consequently, companies such as Amazon will be reluctant to locate business centers in Ohio. Also, Ohio would continue to support dirty, coal-fired plants at a time when we desperately need to be reducing carbon emissions to deal with climate change. Support for the nuclear plants is also ill advised as these plants are at the end of their intended lifespans, raising the risks of maintenance problems, and their continued use will exacerbate the problem of radioactive waste disposal.

In addition to its intrinsic problems, the problem of corruption makes acceptance of HB 6 totally untenable. The use by proponents of the bill, particularly Speaker Householder, of an illegal bribery scheme to advance the bill through the legislature and deny a subsequent recall effort is shameful, to say the least. Although Householder has not had his day in court, it is apparent from abundant testimony that HB 6 was thoroughly tainted legislation. As such, it cannot be allowed to stand. The Ohio General Assembly must repeal HB 6 and restore Ohio's renewable energy standards. To do otherwise would seriously damage the legitimacy of the General Assembly, establishing it as an institution more interested in "pay to play" than in serving the interests of all Ohio citizens. **PASS SB 346 AND REPEAL HB 6!!!!**

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