

Testimony on SB 346

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My name is Melissa English, I'm the Deputy Director at Ohio Citizen Action and I've lived in Ohio since 1992. Even though precious few of them will ever hear it, I offer this advice and encouragement to Ohio lawmakers about repealing House Bill 6.

It is in your interest to do this, so do it now. No excuses.

Why is it in your interest?

- 1) You will have to pay into the bailout too. Forget for about your job, your party and campaign donors to whom you must answer and just think as a person how unfair it is that you should pay so that a bankrupt company can richly reward itself instead of quietly going out of business, as the market dictates.
- 2) Your personal health and safety is at risk from continued use of coal and nuclear power. Imagine your regret if there's an accident that vomits toxins or radiation into your air and water.
- 3) You need to restore public faith in state government and the rule of law. As much as the sordid saga of HB6 suggests otherwise, the people of Ohio still matter. You need us to elect you every few years and you don't want the taint of this swirling cesspool of corruption holding you back. If you voted for this law, you need a second chance. If you didn't, you need to push harder and faster.

In other words, for your own sake, completely, cleanly and quickly repeal hb6 – no replace, or you will be complicit in the crime to which two conspirators now admit. Thank you.