

My name is Dee Dee Giese, and I am the Ohio Sierra Club Political Committee Chair.

Today, I am stating my personal point of view.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon HB6 today. As noted by others, what a DISGRACE it is that the Legislature has not invited the public to testify on the repeal of HB6.

HB6 is a BAD BILL. It is a BAD BILL because it is tainted by corruption, bribery, racketeering, and scandal to do a BAD THING – prop up the dirty fuel industries of nuclear and coal.

I talk to candidates, campaigns, and voters all across Ohio and I listen to their outrage over this scandal and the stench of HB6.

I hear candidates who were confused, ill-informed, rushed to vote, and now dealing with the knowledge that they either came out on the right side of this and voted against HB6, or came out on the wrong side and regret supporting HB6.

I have heard the fears that before the end of this is over the list of indictments and reach of this scandal will be so big it will fill a giant highway billboard!!

So, now the legislators are facing the consequences at the ballot box of BAD BILL HB6. To hide from voters' outrage, the repeal is being postponed until after the election.

Look folks, the truth is that BAD BILL HB6 has always been a bad idea – nuclear is not clean!

The investors in First Energy Solutions and Energy Harbor are speculating on a public bailout in BAD BILL HB6 to line their pockets with undue economic rents from jumps in stock prices and investments in bonds. It a scummy bond sale!! Just look at who sits on Energy Harbor's board!!

The State of Ohio should not be investing the retirement money for teachers, police officers, firefighters, and public employees in BAD BONDS of Energy Harbor!! Ohio needs to DIVEST from dirty fuels and their destructive legacy.

Davis-Bessie and Perry nuclear plants are among the world's most dangerous – and they need to be decommissioned immediately. They are a money pit and our citizens and retirees should not have their money dragged down into the PIT!!

I encourage the Legislature and the Governor not just to repeal BAD BILL HB6 but do better for Ohioans.

I am a person in the renewables and energy efficiency industries, I urge the support of a clean energy economy!!

BAD BILL HB6 should be repealed immediately, without delay to allow legislators up for election to hide from their records! Voters should vote the sponsors of HB6 out of office!!

After BAD BILL HB6 is gone – NEVER TO RETURN – we need to leave the dirty fuels industries of coal, fracked gas, and dangerous nuclear BEHIND!!

The future of solar, wind, and energy efficiency needs to come sooner rather than later, and our Legislature and Governor need to enact incentives to make this happen NOW – NOT 10 OR 20 OR 30 YEARS from now.

Thank you.