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Testimony (both written and oral if desired)

My father, Richard Gabel, had a tubing company in Pennsylvania which for years had a plant in Wapakoneta, Ohio. That plant in 1986 won an environmental award from the State of Ohio.

My father didn't consider himself an "environmentalist" by name, and his company had supply contracts for nuclear reactors, possibly the ones at issue in HB 6. But he loved "nature", spent time deep in the outdoors, and above all, he was not crooked. I am ashamed, on his behalf, when I think of what Larry Householder and Ohio's anti-clean-energy legislators have done to advance HB 6 and stand in the way of energy policies needed to protect Ohio's people and the health of the planet.

Sluicing millions in corrupt corporate funding to pass HB 6! Buying votes from legislators! Undermining the legitimate public initiative that was asking to be heard through a ballot issue! And now, refusing to hold public hearings that would require the HB 6 movers to "come clean" and repeal HB 6!

The political world is currently full of politicians refusing to reveal information relevant to their decision-making. The public is more than entitled to ask: "What are you hiding and who are you hiding from? What are you afraid of, to be fighting so hard against the democratic processes that this nation was founded on? At long last, where is your sense of shame?" Hearings on HB 6 are the minimum that the people of Ohio are entitled to.

My father, if he were alive today, would be signing this letter.