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## **Repeal HB6**

Unquestionably, HB6 was passed utilizing fraud, corruption, and deceit. But it was a terrible bill from its inception. The Senate's Energy and Public Utilities Committee proudly called HB 6 "balanced", but if Ohio ratepayers are forced to shore up 2 thoroughly corrupt and mismanaged nuclear plants, 2 polluting and failing coal plants, and kiss our successful energy efficiency & renewables standards goodbye, that's like a server saying "Here's your balanced dinner; only one third is poison, one third is shoddy and overpriced, and we decided not to give you the other third - will that be cash or credit?"

During the hearings for this bill, legislators heard expert testimony from scientists, environmentalists, economists, and other informed constituents, but the extremely valuable information they offered was apparently dismissed in favor of input from industry lobbyists. For over a decade, I and my colleagues have written, called and met with our legislators to discuss energy and environmental issues, and were always politely blown off, but the majority of the reports we cited have proven to be accurate over time.

Ohio is facing not only an extreme pandemic crisis and associated economic crisis, it is facing a security threat that will make the pandemic pale in comparison. The security threat, as characterized by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, is the climate crisis. Ohio's legislative bodies must pull their heads out of the sand. Listen to ALL your constituents and get serious about a rapid transition away from fossil fuels by crafting an energy policy that focuses on renewable energy and energy efficiency and invests in the energy of tomorrow, builds the workforce of tomorrow, and creates the innovative and sustainable economy of tomorrow. You must begin by repealing HB 6 and starting over with new legislation.