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Ohio State Senate
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
1 Capital Square
Columbus, OH 43215

To Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair McColley, and Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity for us to provide written testimony on Senate Bill 346 to repeal House Bill 6.

The repeal of HB6 would create harm to many Ohioans and would be particularly devastating to the two nuclear power plant school districts in Lake and Ottawa Counties. First of all, whereas we denounce any alleged illegal or unethical activity surrounding the passage of HB6, we believe that its passage was made without improper behavior by a majority of both of Ohio's Chamber based upon proper reasoning and the merits of the bill.

HB 6 remains good energy policy for Ohio for several reason: It promotes in-state carbon free energy generation, protects Ohio jobs in our economy, results in lower monthly utility bills for Ohio homes and businesses, and provides stable support for the communities in which the plants reside. HB6 maintains Ohio's two nuclear plants which helps to ensure a diverse energy grid and keeps Ohio's energy independent while keeping emissions low for all Ohioans.

More specifically, if the Perry nuclear power Plant was forced to close down thousands of Lake County jobs would be lost (up to 1000); residential and business energy prices would rise, Perry schools and other government would sustain substantial and non-replaceable revenue losses, and unemployment in Lake County would rise higher that it currently is during this country's worst pandemic ever. Additionally, the generated energy that would be lost would not be as clean for the environment and would most likely come from out of state.

The loss of these plants would additionally reduce much of the \$30 million in state and local taxes which goes back in supporting services like public schools first responders and other services.

Maintaining HB 6 is critical for Ohio and good legislation. We implore you to maintain HB 6 in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Lewis Galante, CFO Perry Local Schools