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Encino Energy is currently the second largest producer of natural gas in Ohio. Today, we are testifying in support of House Bill 201. We believe it will benefit Ohio's consumers, the state's economy, and the environment by protecting the consumer's right to choose natural gas.

At Encino, we prioritize sustainable practices because we believe in doing the right things for the right reason. That means we strive to make noticeable positive impressions on our communities as we leave as minimal a footprint as possible on our environment. Ours is a growing industry that is saving Ohio's families and businesses billions each year. It is an important piece of Ohio's diverse energy grid and a clean and consistent option for consumers. We also believe that natural gas is a key component to addressing global climate change.

This is a commonsense policy that gives consumers the right to choose. Natural gas is a cost-saving option—in the last 15 years, natural gas has saved Ohio families \$15 billion on their utility bills. Few know better than Encino's employees, landowners, and their families what a prolific resource natural gas is in this state. The increased use of natural gas has also played a critical role in improving Ohio's air quality. It should also be noted natural gas has played a role in reducing total carbon emissions Ohio. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported that from 2005 to 2017, state emissions declined by 24 percent.

On behalf of Encino Energy, I respectfully urge your support of House Bill 201.

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