



April 21, 2021

The Honorable Jason Stephens  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High St., 13th Floor  
Columbus OH, 43215

Chairman Stephens and Members of the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee,

On behalf of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, please accept our support of House Bill 201. Ohio is home to an abundant supply of natural gas which provides affordable, reliable and environmentally friendly energy to thousands of families and businesses in our community.

The effect that these bans have deny businesses and homeowners the service they need, want, and most commonly use to power their lives, heat their homes and run their operations. Limiting energy choice would effectively be forcing businesses and homeowners to replace the appliances they want to use –grills, hot water heaters, fireplaces, fryers, and furnaces—with less efficient and more costly ones. Additionally, allowing a patchwork of communities to ban natural gas creates unnecessary operational challenges that will negatively impact both residential and business customers and increase costs to consumers.

By prohibiting local governments from interfering in consumer choice, HB 201 will protect retail establishments, manufacturers, consumers and, ultimately, our state's overall economic competitiveness by allowing Ohio citizens to decide what fuel sources best suit their needs. For these reasons, the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce respectfully asks of the committee to favorably support HB 201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kert Radel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "R".

Kert Radel  
*President and CEO of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce*

CC: Vice Chair Brian Stewart

Ranking Member Casey Weinstein

House Energy & Natural Resources Committee Members