

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: May 24, 2021

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 282

Specific Issue: Toxic brine waste spreading

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? 2 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Gas and oil well brine is naturally radioactive and must not be spread on Ohio roadways. Cleanup costs will be exhorbitant.

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MAY 24, 2021

Jason Stephens, Chair

Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Via e-mail

Re: HB 282

Chairman Stephens and Honorable Committee Members;

If the City of Akron's \$1.2 billion cleanup of that city's combined sewer system has taught us anything, that lesson must be this: it is far better and less costly to keep water clean as opposed to paying to properly clean it up after it has been fouled. In fact, the City of Akron will be paying for that cleanup 100 years from now due to maintenance and repair costs of the system presently being constructed to contain the combined sewer overflows. Certainly, a 100 foot diameter, subterranean holding channel beneath the central city, made of concrete and steel, will require operating, maintenance and repair over the life of the project. Keep in mind that Akron's expensive cleanup is primarily from point source pollution, i.e., combined sewer overflow racks. Non-point source pollution is by far more difficult and expensive to remediate. Spreading oil and gas well brine over Ohio roadways will create widespread, non-point source pollution.

With that said, I implore you to scrap any idea of allowing oil and gas well waste brine to be spread upon any square foot of the surface of this great state. Naturally occurring, low level radiation will only build up on the ground surface with each and every application. If said waste is truly clean and harmless, why then does HB 282 provide indemnification to the producers of said waste? This only puts future Ohio taxpayers on the hook for cleanup costs. Why put limits on the amount of testing of said waste as HB 282 would do? Failure to monitor a potential problem does not mean that said problem does not exist.

The lesson from Akron and other Ohio cities presently paying extreme amounts for EPA mandated cleanups of Ohio waterways is both loud and clear: err on the side of caution and keep the water clean to begin with. Do not take a chance with a resource that is becoming more precious as this century wears on, i.e., our clean water resources. Do not make another mistake that will burden future generations of Ohioans. If more brine waste is permitted to be spread on Ohio's highways and elsewhere on the surface, we can all kiss one of Ohio's greatest resources, clean freshwater, goodbye forever.

Respectfully,

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