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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Public Utilities Committee,

Thank you for hearing my testimony on House Bill 381, legislation that will allow for any additional electrical meters on another structure located on a residential property to be charged a residential rate.

This straightforward legislation was created after my discussion with a constituent, in which she indicated that a barn located on her property that is separately metered from her residence is being charged at a 'commercial' rate by her electrical service provider. She does not use the structure in any commercial sense but is being charged an expensive minimum rate to keep power supplied to her barn. After investigating this issue further, according to FirstEnergy, any secondary metered structures on an individual's property are charged at a commercial rate, regardless of their use. The PUCO has received numerous calls from Ohioans across the state who are facing this same issue

My legislation would allow for a separately metered structure on a residential property that is being used non-commercially to receive a residential service rate through their utility provider. PUCO is given the jurisdiction to create rules surrounding the verification and inspection that any additionally metered structures are not being used commercially.

Thank you again for hearing House Bill 381, and I will answer any questions that you may have on the legislation.