

I am the happy owner of an electric vehicle (5 years) and residential solar panels (8 years). My choices were economic and moral. I have saved money and also the heart-ache of knowing my daily tasks degrade the environment, consume resources and beggar the future by worsening climate.

I wonder why sponsoring legislators choose a different path. How many own a zero emissions vehicle? Why would anyone choose to drive a gas guzzler? Is freedom to pollute a cherished right in Ohio?

Despite its beauty, Ohio's air is among the dirtiest, unhealthiest in the country. The state is a business and transportation hub yet legislators plan to pull the rug from forward-looking enterprises that need assurance that the newest and most advanced technologies are welcome here.

Why enact roadblocks attacking alternative, cleaner sources of energy? It discourages business owners from investing here and landowners from profiting by installing wind or solar on their property to generate income.

I live in the poorest part of Appalachian Ohio. We still suffer from the effects of energy development a century ago. Many streams from coal mine operation require remediation, constant additions of lime to acidic discharge in perpetuity!

We all need energy to function. Only renewable energy is proposed to be subject to local government veto. It is difficult to grasp any rationale behind this directive.

The effects of greenhouse gas pollution are evident. We cannot afford an endless parade of wildfires, floods and hurricanes in this country. Agriculture and wildlife both suffer from continued chemical and thermal changes in the environment.

Human impact on our world includes the corona virus pandemic and its untold economic and emotional cost. Freedom to capture, slaughter and consume wildlife has brought on this global disaster.

Ohioans need jobs, investment, and energy that does not poison us. Business needs a reliable stable structure to develop here. We all need a liveable future.

Pandering to interests in outdated and dangerous energy sources robs us of opportunities to learn and prosper and know our descendants will see some of the rich biodiversity we inherited.

Please consider the future as you act in the present.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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