

This bill is an unnecessary intrusion into the energy market and places restrictions on renewable energy that is not present for other sectors of the energy industry. This is not only an over-reach of government into the market that has the result of picking winners and losers, but is also bad for Ohio's economy, bad for business and jobs, bad for the doctrine of home rule, bad for the environment, and goes against what is needed for a healthy, wealthy Ohio. Renewable energy is one of the faster growing industry in terms of job growth and investment, and making it more difficult for wind and solar energy to establish and grow in Ohio will have the effect of hamstringing our economy in this state. By making it more difficult for these growing sectors to employ Ohio workers, we will be increasing costs to the state for unemployment insurance, SNAP, and other resources, not to mention the loss of productivity in the economy as these jobs are typically higher than average paying jobs. This bill also makes it more difficult for Ohioans who want renewable energy to get the products that they want, which is another anti-market aspect of this bill. And finally, this bill hurts the environment of Ohio as it leads to increased green house gas production. This not only hurts Ohioans and costs Ohioans money as temperatures increase and more intense weather leads to increased damage across the state, but it also maintains the culture of corruption and poor leadership that Ohio is now known for in the energy sector after the HB6 debacle.