

**Testimony of Robert Kelter  
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Supporting Senate Bill 117**

Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) supports S.B. No. 117. ELPC believes that Ohio utility customers should not be forced to subsidize the Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative (OVEC) coal plants. The owners of OVEC made a strategic decision to keep the coal plants running and the plant owners bear the responsibility for that decision. Ohio utility customers should not have to continue paying for those uneconomic plants. While the plants do employ Ohio citizens so do all power plants in the state, as do programs that help customers use less energy. ELPC rarely submits short testimony as it does here today, but this issue deserves no debate.