

Dear Senator Peterson:

I am Michael Wildermuth, a resident of Shawnee Township in Allen County, Ohio, and a customer of AEP Ohio. I urge passage of SB117 in order to terminate the subsidies that I and other customers are paying to keep the OVEC coal plants in operation. Their continued operation has proven to be a bad idea and utility ratepayers should not be on the hook, through legislation, to bail these companies out.

Secondly, as someone greatly concerned with the ongoing alteration and destruction of our natural world, I would like to see Ohio do everything possible to transition to cleaner forms of energy generation in order to lessen the burden we are placing upon nature. Fortunately, as Ohio is an energy choice state, I have taken advantage of my ability to purchase 100% renewable energy for electricity. However, that does not exempt me from having to continue to subsidize these pollution-belching facilities in Ohio and Indiana.

Finally, as a patriot, I believe SB117 must be passed in order to help Ohio recover from the stigma of HB6. The scandal has put Ohio at or near the top of the national lists of corruption and terribly damaged public perception of and confidence in our government. Something desperately needs to be done to restore trust; that most precious of intangible assets.

As Chair of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, I urge you to do what you can to successfully shepherd this bill through the legislative process.

Respectfully,

Michael Wildermuth