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Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking member Williams, and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony today for HB 201.

In Ohio, we are fortunate to have an abundant supply of natural gas. Natural gas is an affordable, reliable and environmentally friendly source of energy for millions of people across our state. Every local community in Ohio should welcome the economic and environmental benefits that natural gas provides for their citizens and their businesses.

House Bill 201 is a very simple piece of legislation that preserves a customer's right to choose the energy option that works best for them, while making sure that every community in Ohio with natural gas maintains the ability for its citizens and its businesses to access this abundant source of Ohio energy.

This common-sense bill will help safeguard our economy throughout Ohio. It will ensure that each of our constituents with natural gas service now, will continue to have access to natural gas service into the future.

This bill had 5 hearings in committee and was amended to include Propane as well as Natural Gas. Also, clarification was made to the bill to make sure that municipalities with aggregation programs would not be affected.

I will be happy to answer any questions from the committee.