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Thank you, Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, and Ranking Member Williams for allowing me to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 307 (SB 307) which promotes the adoption of electric vehicles in Ohio's marketplace.

Encino Energy (Encino) is the fourth largest private exploration and production company in the United States with over one million acres of leasehold in Ohio and is currently Ohio's largest oil producer and second largest natural gas producer. According to the U.S Energy Information Administration (EIA) Ohio has the sixth largest marketed production of natural gas in the country, as result of shale development driving production up more than 30-fold over the past ten years. Encino's contribution to this production of natural gas is significant as the company currently operates three drilling rigs in Ohio and supports over one hundred and forty permanent jobs and thousands of contractors in Ohio.

Committee members might be surprised by Encino's support of this legislation as a natural gas and oil producer. The answer is simple - natural gas is the largest fuel source of Ohio electricity and we firmly believe that American producers are developing natural gas more efficiently and responsibly than anywhere else in the world.

SB 317's provisions creating the Electric Vehicle Retooling and New Equipment Acquisition Program and the Electric Vehicle Training and Modernization Program will help Ohio's employers and manufacturers retool and train the workforce needed to service this developing market. As the market for EVs continues to mature this forward-looking legislation will help ensure Ohio is taking a leadership role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony regarding SB 307.

Sincerely,

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