

Testimony for May 19

I write to you today to strongly urge the opposition of Sub. HB110. As an Ohioan concerned with protecting our environment for the health of all Ohioans, there are several key reasons to oppose the leasing of state public lands for oil and gas development. Our public lands not only provide a place for residents to enjoy for recreation and exercise, promoting health and well-being, but these green spaces also filter our air by capturing carbon thereby improving our climate and reducing contaminants. It has recently come to my attention that Ohio is sixth in the nation for carbon emissions! At a time when Columbus has adopted a Climate Action Plan, committing to smarter, healthier development for the future, the idea that we should promote or even allow the leasing of these state lands for oil and gas development is abhorrent. It is time we are accountable and reverse our polluting status. Ohio can and should invest in more sustainable, less destructive methods for energy and in doing so, promote green jobs and keep Ohio beautiful!

Thank you,
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