

Dear Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Sykes, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

You are facing an important decision that affects the health and wellness of Ohioans. As you consider HB 110, it is imperative that you recognize the leasing amendment violates your constituents' rights to safe public spaces, clean air and clean water, and healthy habitat for a sustainable future.

- The state lands leasing amendment threatens public health, outdoor recreation, and a stable environment by aggressively promoting oil and gas development in Ohio's state public lands.
- The state lands leasing amendment weakens public oversight by eliminating leasing commission consultation from state agency leasing decisions.
- The state lands leasing amendment breaks promises to Ohio taxpayers by plowing all leasing revenues back into facilitating more oil and gas industry development instead of reinvesting those revenues into our state parks, forest, and wildlife areas.
- The state lands leasing amendment devalues clean air and clean water for the citizens of Ohio.

As an Ohioan, I expect and deserve state public lands that protect habitat, support the environment, and encourage outdoor recreation. I am opposed to the state public lands leasing amendment found in Sub. HB 110 (Sections 155.30 through 155.36).

Formally,  
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