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## **Re: Supporter Testimony, H.B. No. 308, Including Energy Generated by Nuclear Reaction as Green Energy**

Dear Chairman Kick, Vice Chair Lear, Ranking Member Rogers and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

The Utility Workers Union of America, Local 270, AFL-CIO represents the technicians and the craft workers at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Perry, Ohio. This unionized work site has been represented by Local 270 since the 1980's when it went operational. Classifying nuclear power as green energy will ensure that Perry remains a viable source of electricity into the future.

Baseload power is a cornerstone of modern life. Nuclear power is among the most reliable sources of baseload power in America today. The single nuclear reactor at Perry generates more than 1200 megawatts of electricity, as much as 500 wind turbines and enough to power 1 million homes.

Nearly 15% of Ohio's total electric generation is from its 2 nuclear plants, Perry, and Oak Harbor's Davis Besse Nuclear Power Station. As the dependence on electricity generated by coal continues to decrease, the need to supplement the state's growing power demand remains. It cannot be met by solar and wind alone. The reliability and volume of nuclear power must be part of the green energy equation. Advances in nuclear technology are shrinking any ecological impact while maintaining the baseload.

Hundreds and hundreds of families are supported by the hard-earned wages of the nuclear workers employed in Ohio. Most of these workers live near the plants and cycle those wages

back into the area, boosting economic security for the businesses in the towns around the plants. The positive economic impact is far beyond the bottom line of any utility company.

Nuclear generation makes practical, environmental, and economic sense for Ohio's future. Please support House Bill 308, moving it through the House, into the Senate and to Governor DeWine.

Sincerely,

|s| *Christopher E. Ericksen*

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Submitted via email