

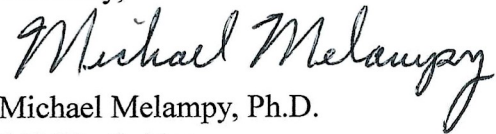
10 December 2023

Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Columbus, OH

Dear Chair Kick, Vice-Chair Lear, Ranking Member Rogers, and other Committee members:

I want to register my opposition to HB 308. This bill would classify nuclear energy as “green” energy, presumably because it does not emit greenhouse gases when generated. However, nuclear power is anything but green. It generates radioactive waste that always poses a significant risk of escaping containment and posing a real threat to human health and the health of other organisms upon which we rely. The mining of uranium, the main fuel for generation of nuclear power, results in considerable environmental damage and involves the transportation of dangerous radioactive materials over long distances. Finally, nuclear power is expensive. We all now about the efforts of First Energy to bail out their expensive, money-losing nuclear plants by increasing electricity rates. Real green energy, i.e. solar and wind, have become much less costly and result in minimal pollution and no greenhouse gases. The choice is clear: Ohio needs to develop more solar and wind power and avoid the pitfalls of nuclear power. Please oppose HB 308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Melampy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'M' and a trailing flourish.

Michael Melampy, Ph.D.  
143 Westbridge  
Berea, Ohio 44017