

The Honorable Thomas Hall
Chairman, Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
77 South High Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Hall and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Tenaska in support of carbon sequestration in Ohio and HB 358. Tenaska, a leading private energy company based in Omaha, Nebraska, is set to make a significant impact on the economies of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia through the development of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) facilities in the Appalachian Basin. Known as the Tri-State CCS Hub, the project will provide significant economic benefit across the region.

The Tri-State CCS Hub will be a catalyst for economic growth in the region, generating substantial benefits during both the construction and operational phases. By offering carbon sequestration as an emissions solution to new and existing facilities in the region, Ohio can continue to attract and grow business opportunities in the state while providing benefits to the local community.

This legislation and a robust CCS framework are essential for several reasons:

- **Provides Framework for the State to Manage Carbon Sequestration:** State-level regulations clearly define ownership of the Sequestration Pore Space, coordination with mineral owners, and rules for the state-level management, in addition to federal permitting.
- **Economic Opportunities:** CCS helps manufacturers and industrial producers meet environmental requirements in a cost-effective and responsible manner by capturing carbon dioxide (CO₂), transporting it and storing it deep underground. This allows businesses to remain stable employers and economic drivers in the region.
- **Economic Stability and Local Partnerships:** The Tri-State CCS project is estimated to have an overall \$1.1 billion economic impact on the three-state region. In addition, the project is a recipient of a Phase III CarbonSAFE award from the U.S. Department of Energy. This award will provide characterization support and a strong Community Benefits Plan inclusive of workforce development.
- **Technological Leadership:** Ohio will position itself as a leader in carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technology, driving innovation and economic growth.

I urge you to support this important legislation and work to create a supportive regulatory environment for carbon sequestration in Ohio. By doing so, we can ensure a stronger and more prosperous future for our state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Scott Murray
Manager, Project Development

CC: Vice Chair Representative Beth Lear, Ranking Member; Representative Elgin Rogers,
Members of the Committee