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Chairman Reineke, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Resolution 121.

Senate Resolution 121 recognizes that natural gas and its production industry are vital to Ohio's economic future. It urges continued investment in natural gas infrastructure to make affordable energy available to every Ohioan.

- Ohio is the leader in clean energy technology, and natural gas industry leads Ohio in clean electricity production when compared to others.
- Natural Gas saves the average family 2,500 annually in total energy costs. Including 1,000 for home heating and appliances.
- The natural gas industry supports 375,000 jobs here in the Buckeye State.
- The natural gas industry contributed \$58.8 billion to Ohio's gross domestic product.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Resolution 121 and I would be happy to answer any questions from the committee.