



Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
The Honorable Bill Reineke, Chairman

Proponent Testimony
Senate Resolution 121
The Empowerment Alliance
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Chairman Reineke, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee:

The Empowerment Alliance (TEA) works to harness the power of American ingenuity, the tenets of our free market system, and the abundance of our nation's natural gas supply to forge a realistic, rational, and effective approach to American energy consumption and environmental conservation.

We believe there are four pillars to every American's energy birthright, and it is our moral obligation to ensure our citizens benefit from its vast natural resources

- Affordable Energy for Our Families
- Abundant Energy for Our Future
- Clean Energy for Our Environment
- Domestic Energy for Our Security

Senate Resolution 121 rightfully acknowledges the crucial role of natural gas and its production industry in Ohio's economic future. It advocates for sustained investment in natural gas infrastructure, aiming to make affordable energy accessible to every Ohioan.

The importance of natural gas pipeline infrastructure cannot be overstated, as it empowers Ohio communities to unlock their economic potential. This investment not only saves residents thousands of dollars annually in energy costs but also fosters a thriving environment for businesses.

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Conversely, communities lacking adequate access to natural gas face a significant economic disadvantage.

While Ohio stands as one of the nation's leading natural gas-producing states, much of this resource is trapped in eastern Ohio due to insufficient infrastructure. Senate Resolution 121 aims to harness natural gas' potential for the benefit of the entire state.

In alignment with our commitment to these principles, The Empowerment Alliance wholeheartedly supports Senate Resolution 121. We urge the committee's continued dedication to advancing Ohio's economic prosperity through strategic investment in natural gas infrastructure.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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