

**Proponent Testimony of Robert Kelter
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In Support of SB 275
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Chair Reineke, Vice Chair McColley and Ranking Member Smith, my name is Robert Kelter and I'm a senior attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC). Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. ELPC is a regional environmental organization with offices in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. We have litigated numerous cases at the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, as well as other Commissions around the Midwest. Thus, our testimony today brings that knowledge of both how Ohio operates, and how other states handle these issues. We focus on clean energy issues and consumer protection, which we believe go hand in hand.

ELPC submits testimony today in support of SB 275. Adoption of legislation encouraging virtual net metering will help address the capacity and energy shortages Ohio faces as part of PJM, by encouraging the development of new clean energy generation. Importantly, SB 275 focuses that energy development on areas such as brownfields, and large rooftops that offer excellent opportunities for development. The bill fairly compensates the developers for the energy they will provide. ELPC believes the bill constitutes an important step forward and will benefit Ohio consumers as we move forward addressing key energy issues in PJM. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.