

Honorable Senator Bill Reincke,

Dear Sirs

I am writing to the committee to oppose the passage of Ohio House Bill 308.

My first objection is that naming nuclear power and natural gas green sources of energy is absurd. Just because the House and Senate of the State of Ohio decide to call an energy source green and renewable is as wrong as it would be to say that in the State of Ohio  $2+2 = 10$ . Nuclear energy is one of the most hazardous forms of energy ever devised, both because of its inherent properties of nuclear radiation, and the issue of the radioactive waste created by nuclear energy. There has never been a method devised of handling nuclear waste which are hazardous for thousands of years. I guess the State of Ohio could declare that nuclear waste is not hazardous, but that would not make it so. Because of these properties of nuclear power, it has always been a money pit and is more expensive than any other form of energy. It is the mother of all boondoggles. Back to the issue of "green" natural gas drilling, aka fracking. We are assured that liquid fracking waste can be safely isolated in deep injection wells, and there it will stay forever. The State of Ohio says it is so, so it must be so. However, fracking waste has not gotten the message on this, and in wells in Athens and Noble Counties have recently been shut down for leaking hazardous fracking waste into the surrounding environment, including aquifers and drinking wells. Your own ODNR ordered the wells closed, but they must be wrong because in the wonderful world of the State of Ohio, what we say is so, is so. But I am saying that just because you say it is so, does not make so. To decree that nuclear power and natural gas fracking are forms of green energy is to make these fantasies and lies into official State of Ohio policy, and that is just silly. If you want to buy into this foolishness, approve this legislation. If you want to make policy based on reality as it can be proven, instead of a version of Fantasy Island, then oppose it. Thank you. Randy Cunningham