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TO: Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

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SUBJECT: Ohio House Bill 308 testimony

HB 308 proposes to include nuclear reaction (and natural gas) as “green” energy. A google search of “green energy” includes such things as wind, solar, geothermal, ocean and hydropower. Nuclear reaction (and natural gas) is rarely (never) viewed as green energy. In fact, nuclear energy is the opposite given the production of nuclear waste, wreaking havoc for a very long time on the environment and human health.

So why do Ohio legislators want to define nuclear as green energy? The self-serving creativity and sneakiness of Ohio legislators never ceases to amaze in trying to access taxpayer money to fund corporate development of nuclear energy. If nuclear energy is so desirable and lucrative, why do you need to raid taxpayer money, millions, billions, to give to corporations for this? The Householder effect is alive and well...Ohioans simply do not trust Ohio legislators when it comes to nuclear energy and taxpayer monies.

Please vote NO on HB 308.

Thank you.