

Proponent Testimony by Mary Beth Naim on House Bill 15  
House Energy Committee  
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Chairman Holmes, Vice-Chair Klopfenstein, Ranking Member Glassburn, and members of the House Energy Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 15 (HB15), a bill that moves Ohio forward on energy generation and consumer choice.

My name is Mary Beth Naim, and I am a resident of Kirtland, Ohio. I've lived in Ohio for 45 years and raised my family here. In late 2023, my husband and I installed solar panels on our home and have enjoyed the benefits of a much smaller monthly electric bill.

I'm supporting HB15 and its provision for community energy. We see with increased manufacturing and data center investments in our state, that Ohio's demand for electricity will continue to increase. In order to protect Ohio residents from possible rate increases as a result of increased demand, it's important that all avenues of energy generation are considered. One energy source with great potential is community energy. With community energy, distributed small scale electricity generation can be quickly implemented bringing significant savings to participating home owners and renters. Another advantage of community energy is that it's a great way for local communities to benefit from brownfields and other distressed sites that have limited development potential.

I encourage you to vote for HB15 providing Ohioans with energy choices that include cost effective community energy.

Thank you for your consideration.