

Proponent Testimony by Nancy J Saunders on House Bill 15
Chairman, Huntsburg Township
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 Nancy J Saunders, and I am Chairman Board of Trustees Huntsburg Township

I have been elected and assisted with Huntsburg Township for 43 years. I am currently the Chairman of the board, previously administrative assistant and Fiscal Officer

Testimony:

We have a small rural community of approximately 3800 residents many who are members of the Amish community.

Recently we entered into a contract contingent on the passage of legislation to allow for small solar community farms. We have set aside 50 acres of our land to be used as a community solar farm.

This opportunity will generate funds to assist in the management of our community. We do not have any outside millage for the General Fund and residents have not passed an outside millage levy since 1995.

Funds are needed to keep our park in good shape. Currently the tennis courts are unusable due to the cost of resurfacing them

Our maintenance equipment for the township are old and needs replacement. Additional funding is needed.

The community solar farm will allow residents to join and see a reduction in their current electric bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on behalf of HB15.