

Proponent Testimony by Eric Langenmayr on House Bill 15
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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 Eric Langenmayr, and I am a Private Citizen of Ohio volunteering with the Solar Action Team of Ohio.

My name is Eric Langenmayr. I am a retired PhD chemist and spent 30 years in industrial research. I have always had a strong interest in environmental issues having spent 2 years employed with the FL Dept of Pollution Control as an undergrad and having been a Board member of the Clean Air Council (Philadelphia) since 2013. Grandchildren caused my wife and I to move to Aurora, Ohio.

I support HB15 in its entirety. HB15 promotes energy choice and allows for distributed energy distribution.

It will increase use of advanced transmission technologies, first requiring PUCO to conduct a study to evaluate the potential use or deployment of advanced transmission technologies and issue a report on its findings no later than March 1, 2026. HB15 defines “energy storage” as electrical generation and storage performed by a distributed energy system connected battery.

Of special interest to me is the Community Energy provision. Community Energy has the residential customer in mind - directly benefiting Ohioans.

Community Energy provides for the testing of Community Energy projects where solar power will be accessible to those of us who cannot put solar panels on our own roofs.

The Community Energy program aims to install 1,500 MW capacity. Enough to power 250,000 homes and demonstrate its usefulness.

Community Energy provision promotes responsible and restorative land use by promoting brownfield remediation through private development of distressed sites, contributing to Ohio’s energy infrastructure expansion and environmental cleanup.

In short, HB15 will move Ohio forward by providing more efficient, cleaner energy options for Ohioans.

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