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Chair Adam Holmes
House Energy Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4275

Chair Holmes, Vice Chair Klopfenstein, Ranking Member Glassburn, and Members of the Committee,

TurningPoint Energy (“TPE”) is an energy development company, with over two gigawatts in development or operation across the country. TPE is dedicated to developing local energy solutions that strengthen grid reliability, reduce costs, and meet growing electricity demand. We urge a favorable vote on HB 15, as the legislation that will create a community energy pilot program in Ohio. We applaud Representatives Hoops and Ray for their leadership on this component of the bill.

Distributed energy resources can be deployed quickly, cost-effectively, and in a manner that enhances local grid resilience. As large-scale generation projects that require extensive transmission infrastructure and a lengthy permitting process at PJM, distributed generation can be sited closer to load centers, reducing strain on the existing grid and eliminating the need for costly transmission investments that would ultimately be passed on to Ohio ratepayers. By allowing these resources to compete on a level playing field, this legislation encourages private sector investment in energy solutions that provide reliable capacity at the lowest possible cost.

This pilot program is technology-neutral, meaning that any energy resource that can demonstrate reliability and cost-effectiveness has the opportunity to compete. This approach will foster innovation and efficiency. By deploying all available resources, we can ensure that Ohio households and businesses directly benefit from distributed energy resources by subscribing to local generation facilities.

Moreover, the community energy pilot program upholds the principles of local control by retaining permitting authority with localities. TPE has a long record of working with surrounding property owners, local businesses, community leaders, and non-profits to ensure that our projects are responsible neighbors and deliver long term economic value to the host community. The community energy pilot program ensures that all distributed energy developers must thoughtfully engage with communities to ensure that a project is appropriate land use, and fits within the locality’s comprehensive plan and broader economic goals.

TPE stands at the ready to invest in Ohio and assist the state in meeting its energy and economic development goals. We urge a favorable vote on HB 15.

Thank you.

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