

As a former engineer & current business owner, I believe that community energy is vital to fulfilling Ohio's near future energy needs. With new data centers, etc. coming online & the demand for cheaper electricity growing daily, I believe that community energy is an excellent, quick solution. This change will allow consumers & businesses to choose locally produced energy, so there is less reliance on out-of-state energy, as well less reliance on an electrical grid that is more & more challenged every day. I further believe that the best source of this community energy is solar with battery storage, as the cost to install solar continues to come down & the resource is virtually "free" after that. There are many rooftops - public, commercial, residential - plus public space such as highway off ramps, brownfields, parking garages, etc. that can provide the space needed for community solar panels. This proposed act just makes too much sense for it not to advance. Thank you.