

Proponent Testimony by Adam Rossi on House Bill 303
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Chairman Holmes, Vice-Chair Mathews, Ranking Member Rader, and members of the House Energy Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 303 (HB303), a bill that moves Ohio forward on energy generation and consumer choice. My name is Adam Rossi and I am a concerned citizen and renter in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

I worked as a solar professional for a couple years in Kansas City, Missouri, where, like Ohio, community energy does not yet have enabling legislation. Many homeowners I worked with wanted to have solar, but because of shade or roof condition, they were unable to receive the benefit of community energy. Currently, my fiancé and I are renters, and again, we are unable to access community energy. Passing HB303 would make community energy available to all, not just the few who have the ideal roofs or living situations to make solar or wind energy work on their own home.

Energy bills continue to rise throughout Ohio and throughout the country, and my fiancé and I have felt the strain of rising energy costs. Community energy would help not only us, but working families all throughout Ohio by giving them access to lower-cost energy. Furthermore, a community energy program could create good jobs throughout Ohio and even bring in tax revenue. I myself have had to work a couple part-time jobs since my move here; we need more jobs available to Ohioans with livable pay and benefits.

Please help Ohioans everywhere out by making community energy a reality and passing HB303.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on behalf of HB303.