

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 9/30/2025

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Are you representing: Yourself ☒ Organization ☐

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 303

Specific Issue: Communityenergy and pilot initiative

Are you testifying as a: Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ Interested Party ☐

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes ☒ No ☐

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How much time will your testimony require? 3 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I wish to express my strong support for House Bill 303, which establishes a community energy and pilot initiative. I urge you to psaa HB 303 and help buid a more resilient, equitable and prosperous energy future for our state.

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Dear Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Daniel Morris and I am a licensed electrician with 38 years of experience working on energy infrastructure projects across Ohio and the surrounding region. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 303, which establishes a community energy and pilot initiative.

As someone who works directly with the systems that power our homes, businesses and industries, I see firsthand the urgent need for more reliable, affordable and locally sourced energy. House Bill 303 is a smart, forward-looking solution that not only meets this need but also creates significant economic opportunities for skilled tradespeople like myself.

Community energy projects, especially solar are labor intensive and require skilled electricians, contractors and technicians for installation, maintenance and grid integration. According to Ohio University analysis of a similar sized pilot program, community energy could generate.

- \$5.6 billion in local community activity over the project's lifespan
- Over 27,000 job-years in construction, electrical work and related trades
- More than \$400 million in local tax revenue, benefiting schools, infrastructure and public services.

These are not speculative numbers, they reflect real, tangible benefits that would directly impact Ohio's working families and communities. For electricians like me, this means more stable employment, more apprenticeships and more opportunities to build the energy systems of the future right here in Ohio.

Ohio currently imports up to 25% of its electricity, which exposes us to volatile pricing and supply risks. House Bill 303 would help reverse that trend by investing in distributed, locally generated energy. This not only strengthens our grid but also keeps energy dollars circulating within our communities.

House Bill 303 ensures that at least 60% of each project is reserved for small subscriptions (40 kw or less), making clean energy accessible to renters, low-income families and small businesses. This inclusive design means more Ohioans can benefit from lower bills and energy choice without needing to install rooftop systems.

HB 303 is more than an energy bill, it's a jobs bill, a fairness bill and a future proofing bill. It empowers local workers, strengthens our economy and positions Ohio as a leader in energy

innovation. I urge you to pass HB 303 and help build a more resilient, equitable and prosperous energy future for our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Daniel Morris

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Morris", with a stylized flourish at the end.