OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 5, 2025

The Honorable Adam Holmes
Chairman, House Energy Committee
77 South High St., 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Holmes:

On behalf of the members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this letter of support for Substitute Senate Bill 103. The Ohio Chamber has supported this bill and the companion legislation House Bill 142 since both pieces of legislation were first introduced. The Ohio Chamber key voted the substitute version of SB 103 last month when the full Ohio Senate passed it 31-0.

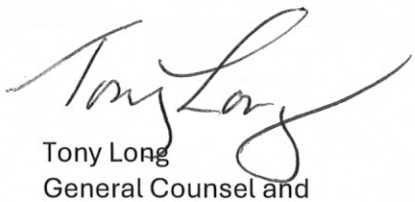
Ohio is blessed with an abundance of natural gas, but the struggle is how to move it from the wellhead to the ultimate customer. In addition to this issue of constraint, we also have a regulatory lag issue that detracts capital being deployed in Ohio causing a competitive disadvantage compared to other peer jurisdictions.

Sub. SB 103 allows the use of forward test periods to better capture planned projects and to tie revenue closer to the capital outlay. The large load users (LLC) arrangement allows a faster shot-clock while also providing protection for non-LLCs. These protections include no financial risk to ratepayers not benefitting from the capital outlay to an LLC.

Sub. SB 103 is a sensible step in moving gas from the wellhead to areas of the state experiencing economic growth. It also allows the natural gas company or local distribution company to better compete for capital dollars for replacement, repair or improvement projects in their territory. The reduction in regulatory lag is important as the state faces both a need for process gas and gas as a fuel for the electricity needs of Ohioans.

Finally, Sub. SB 103 picked up language to apply the reforms from House Bill 15 to water and wastewater utilities. The addition of these utilities allow all the major utility types to use the same reforms when the utilities file applications at the PUCO. This is a commonsense addition, and the Ohio Chamber applauds the Senate for adding the language. The Ohio Chamber asks the House Energy Committee to quickly deliberate Sub. SB 103 and send it to the full Ohio House for passage.

Sincerely,



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