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Chairman Jones, Vice Chair Blasdel, Ranking Member Rogers, and members of the committee, my name is Delette Marengo. I serve as Vice President of Government & Public Relations for Tenaska, a U.S. energy company consistently named in *Forbes' List of America's Largest Private Companies*.

Tenaska Marketing Ventures (TMV) and Tenaska Power Services Co. (TPS) rank among the leading natural gas and electric power marketing companies in North America. Over 38 years in operation, Tenaska has developed, managed, and/or operated more than 23,000 MW of natural gas-fueled and renewable generation. Our development services portfolio presently includes approximately 41,500 MW of power generation, storage, and green hydrogen projects.

Most pertinent to this hearing, we are actively pursuing 11 carbon sequestration projects nationwide, capable of storing over 55 million metric tons of CO₂ annually. And today, I am here to discuss the significant job creation and economic benefits associated with CCS projects.

One of our projects, the Tri-State Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Hub, spans Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, with Ohio — referred to as the Buckeye portion — comprising the largest segment. The selection of the Tri-State CCS Hub site was based on distinctive geological benefits for carbon storage and the proximity to potential customers such as steel, ethanol, and power generation industries seeking carbon solutions to comply with increasing regulatory standards.

The Buckeye project encompasses 24 well sites across three counties: 4 sites in Carroll County; 10 sites in Jefferson County; and 10 sites in Harrison County.

According to an economic impact study by the West Virginia Bureau of Business & Economic Research at John Chambers College of Business & Economics, the Tri-State CCS Hub is estimated to have an economic impact of nearly \$1.1 billion, creating over 1,900 jobs with approximately \$412 million in employee compensation.

The Buckeye portion of the project is projected to generate over \$421.8 million in total economic output across Jefferson, Harrison, and Carroll Counties, with Jefferson County benefitting from \$212.8 million; Harrison County from \$105.2 million; and Carroll County from \$103.8 million.

The construction phase of the Buckeye project is expected to create numerous jobs, including 214 in Carroll County; 233 in Harrison County; and 453 positions in Jefferson County. These roles, contributing combined labor income of \$155.5 million in Ohio, will offer valuable employment opportunities across various skill levels, enhancing family incomes and local economies.

Beyond construction, the ongoing operation of the CCS well sites in Ohio will contribute approximately \$6.5 million annually in operating expenditures, providing sustained job support and local services in Carroll, Jefferson, and Harrison counties for the foreseeable future.

Additionally, the Buckeye project is anticipated to generate \$11.6 million in annual tax revenue for Ohio, comprising \$5.2 million for Jefferson County; \$2.7 million for Harrison County; and \$2.5 million for Carroll County, which will bolster public services, including educational institutions and infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. Tenaska strongly supports House Bill 170 and requests your support for its passage.