

I am Bob Kloos from Cleveland Heights, OH, and a retired pastor. At 77, I am soon to be a grandfather for the first time. Like the soon-to-be parents, I want the best possible planet for my grandson to grow up in.

I am a strong proponent of renewable energy sources. I have had solar on my roof since 2008, and the rest of the electrons I need come from wind turbines through AEP. I live in an all-electric home. There is no longer a gas meter in my basement. I drive an EV.

Fossil fuels that were created over millions of years have been returning carbon back into the atmosphere for the last century-and-a-half almost all at once. Our thin layer of breathable space around the Earth cannot absorb all that CO₂ without heating up. Oceans are warming and rising. We have to stop extracting carbon. "Drill Baby Drill" is a mindless, suicidal chant.

Even if you are proponent of the hypothesis that global warming is an inevitable naturally recurring cycle, good science tells us that adding more carbon will only aggravate the situation. If anything, we should be abandoning fossil fuels all together to mitigate these life-threatening circumstances. We need to come to our senses.

Yes, there is money to be made from extraction, but if all that carbon is hastening the day when our planet is no longer habitable, what's the sense in that? It's not sustainable. So I am fundamentally opposed to more drilling. I am pro-life.

I am calling to ask you all to vote NO on Senate Bill 219.

- It is removing the stops to further extraction and not addressing the messes we have already made.
- This bill would greatly speed up every stage of the process to allow fracking our state parks and public lands, and even allow fracking inside our State Parks.
- It would curtail the ability of the ODNR to regulate injection wells and orphan wells.
- It would make road use maintenance agreements with local governments voluntary and allow fracking companies to put overweight trucks on rural roads.
- Curtail the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' authority to deny requests for expedited review of permit applications. (If an oil and gas company requests expedited review, the department would have to grant that for up to 10 permits per year.)
- Require the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to prioritize plugging orphan wells located near frack waste injection wells, *instead of* plugging orphan wells based on how dangerous or polluting they are.
- Eliminate the requirement for a fracking permit applicant to enter into a road use agreement with local governments, instead making these agreements voluntary and expiring after three years.
- Exempt the requirement for a fracking permit holder to obtain a heavy hauling permit, *even if* the load size or weight of their trucks exceed legal limits.

Gov. DeWine already vetoed many of the provisions of SB 219 when they were in the budget bill last year.

Please vote NO on SB 219.