



# OHIO CONSERVATIVE ENERGY FORUM

Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Smith, and Members of the Senate Energy Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written interested party testimony on Senate Bill 2, which modernizes Ohio's energy policy and encourages responsible investment in our energy infrastructure. My name is Shayna Fritz, and I am the Executive Director of the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum. We are a non-profit that supports all of the above energy policies that prioritize lowering costs to consumers, free markets, national security, and property rights.

SB 2 provides regulatory certainty, promotes economic development, and supports Ohio's long-term energy strategy. The bill fosters growth in new energy technologies by streamlining approval processes and offering incentives and keeps Ohio competitive in the evolving energy landscape.

Supporting SB 2 will boost Ohio's energy sector by attracting investment and creating jobs while also transforming brownfields into productive energy hubs that reduce blight and mitigate environmental hazards. The bill's provisions provide clear regulatory guidelines and exemptions, fostering a stable business environment that encourages further development. Additionally, by supporting diverse energy investments, SB 2 strengthens Ohio's power grid, ensuring greater energy security and reliability for the state.

A key provision of SB 2 acknowledges brownfields—unused industrial or commercial sites with potential contamination—as prime locations for energy development. By permitting projects on these properties, the bill promotes land revitalization, economic growth, and job creation while safeguarding undeveloped land.

While we strongly support the core contents of SB 2, there is a key piece we find missing from the bill that keeps us as an interested party. I urge the committee to consider including an exemption allowing solar and wind projects to be sited on brownfields, even in counties that have established SB 52 bans. Brownfields offer unique opportunities for clean energy and economic revitalization, and a targeted exemptions for brownfield developments would ensure these projects move forward despite local restrictions where other types of development cannot be done.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the committee's commitment to Ohio's energy future and look forward to continued collaboration. I am happy to be a continued resource and can be reached at [sfritz@ohcef.org](mailto:sfritz@ohcef.org).