

To the Honorable Senate Energy Committee Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Smith.

My name is Randy Cunningham. I live in Cleveland, and I wish to comment about Substitute House Bill 15 which is before your committee. I am testifying as an interested party. My first concern is the removal of solar panels on schools as a part of the school energy loan program. Solar energy is beating all other competing sources of affordable energy both in the USA and around the world on all continents. Most members of the Energy Committee may have grown up in a world where solar power was some sort of fringe, far out technology. But Ohio children will grow up in a world where solar power will be a dominant power source. It is not only an energy source, it is an educational opportunity for the children of Ohio to be introduced to a source of energy that will play an important role in their lives. My second comment is on the dropping of the Community Energy Pilot Program that would allow users to subscribe to energy from small generation facilities across the state. This program would add energy and increase grid reliability, which all of us want.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to share my opinions with you.

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