

Ohio Senate Energy Committee
Proponent Testimony -- Senate Bill 219
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Chairman Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Senate Energy Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill 219.

My name is Maribeth Anderson and I am the Director of Government Relations for Antero Resources. Antero is a publicly traded, leading gas producer, top natural gas liquids producer in Appalachia and one of the largest suppliers of liquified natural gas (LNG) in the United States. All of our operations are in West Virginia and Ohio.

In Ohio, we have more than 80,000 net acres leased for production and currently have more than 200 producing wells. We primarily operate in Belmont, Harrison, Noble and Monroe counties. In 2024 alone, Antero paid more than \$40-million in royalty payments to Ohio residents.

Antero Resources would like to thank Senator Landis for sponsoring SB219 and while we generally support the bill, we specifically would like to speak to an issue that is of greatest concern to us as a company.

The adjustments to the Road Use Maintenance Agreements would enact a fair, clearer, and more reasonable expectation on operators related to their responsibility for roads they use for oil and gas development. As it stands, there is no definitive line that states at which point an operator is no longer responsible for road upkeep. As a result, operators are held to fix problems that their traffic did not cause. Operators are more than happy to ensure repairs that may result from our operations, but we have encountered situations where we are expected to maintain entire roads, though we've only accessed it with 1-to-2 trucks per week.

We applaud the changes in Senate Bill 219. Since 2017, Antero has spent more than 14-million dollars on road upgrades and maintenance in Ohio. Our reputation as a responsible oil and gas developer, and a good neighbor, is built on proactively taking care of the roads we use and that will continue.

Mr. Chairman, thank you again for the opportunity to provide this written testimony. If contacted by you or members of the committee, I would be happy to try and provide answers to any questions you may have.

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