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Senate Bill 294
Sponsor Testimony
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Senator Lang:

Chairman Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Senate Energy Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 294: The ARC Energy Security Act.

In 2023, Ohio had the 7th-highest total natural gas production, 3rd-lowest natural gas prices, and 10th-highest total energy production in the United States. These data points are encouraging, and signal a growing, robust energy infrastructure that will power Ohio to become the economic engine of the Midwest once again. However, our state can still stand to improve.

Senate Bill 294 is a 3-page bill that will take another step to do just that. The language in this bill declares it be the public policy of the state to ensure affordable, reliable, and clean energy security by requiring the power siting board do the following in all cases involving an application for a utility facility certificate:

- Employ affordable, reliable, and clean energy sources;
- Ensure that, except for energy generated by nuclear reaction, the state prioritizes domestic production;
- Minimize reliance on foreign adversary nations for critical materials or manufacturing by prioritizing infrastructure necessary to deliver energy to Ohio customers.

Senator Romanchuk:

In addition to requiring the siting board to consider those factors, the bill defines affordable energy using true cost accounting, preventing subsidies from

artificially inflating the affordability of certain forms of energy.

Importantly, a sub bill is in the works that will strike lines 16-21 of the bill to ensure nothing in the bill disincentivizes nuclear energy investment in our state and strengthens the bill's language prioritizing American and Ohio-built infrastructure.

It is my belief that Senate Bill 294 will send a loud message to competing states and the country at large that Ohio's energy sector is open for business.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity for my joint sponsor and I to present sponsor testimony, and we would be happy to answer any questions.