

Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, and Ranking Member Smith,

My name is Holly Swiglo and I'm from Oberlin, Ohio. I'm writing because Ohio deserves competitive, long-term energy solutions that are safe for our communities. Solar and wind are the most affordable and deployable forms of energy. Currently, the US solar industry employs almost twice as many people as the coal, oil, and gas industries combined,<sup>1</sup> despite fossil fuel industries producing 82% of our energy compared to solar's 1%.<sup>2</sup>

SB 294 gives an unfair advantage to oil and gas, preventing fair competition between all energy providers. We should be prioritizing renewables, not fracking, which releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas over 20x as warming as CO2. As our elected leaders, you have a responsibility to keep the wellbeing of future generations in mind. As a young person, it is frightening to see my legislators make decisions that jeopardize job opportunities for my generation and cause irreversible harm to our natural world.

Thank you for your consideration,

Holly

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmccarthy/2017/01/25/u-s-solar-energy-employs-more-people-than-oil-coal-and-gas-combined-infographic/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/us-energy-facts/>