

Senate Energy Committee

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

I am writing to urge you to oppose SB 294.

Ohio's SB 294 mislabels nuclear and natural gas as "clean," a choice that carries real consequences. Natural gas is a fossil fuel with significant emissions across its full lifecycle—from drilling and fracking to transport and combustion—and methane leaks make it especially damaging to the climate. Nuclear power, while low carbon at the point of generation, produces dangerous radioactive waste with no permanent disposal solution and requires massive public investment and long build times. Ohio does need additional electricity generation, but SB 294 does not address that need honestly. Instead, it props up costly, risky, and outdated energy sources while sidelining the solutions that can be deployed fastest and at the lowest cost.

Solar and wind are already the cheapest and most scalable forms of electricity generation available, and they can be built quickly to meet Ohio's growing demand. SB 294 appears designed to further squash existing and future renewable energy projects, so oil and gas face less competition, rather than to ensure reliable, affordable power for Ohioans. This approach also undermines U.S. economic competitiveness and national security. While other nations are rapidly investing in renewables, storage, and modern grids, Ohio risks falling behind by clinging to yesterday's energy systems. By falsely labeling gas and nuclear as "clean" and suppressing renewables, the state locks consumers into volatile fuel markets, weakens energy independence, and forfeits leadership in a global clean-energy economy that is already creating jobs, lowering costs, and shaping the future.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you vote NO on SB 293.

Thank you for your time.

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