

February 7, 2026

Senator Brian M. Chavez, Chair
Senate Energy Committee
Ohio Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Chavez:

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 294 and to urge you to defeat it. This bill will make it more difficult for solar and wind energy projects to be developed in Ohio and will make it easier to frack natural gas. Natural gas is not clean energy, especially when it is extracted by fracking, a process that releases methane into the atmosphere and creates toxic waste. Ohio is a leader in solar manufacturing and our energy policies should protect those jobs, not tilt the playing field to advantage the fossil fuels industry. Senate Bill 294 is a bad bill that promotes bad energy policy and it should be defeated.

Respectfully,

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