

2026-2-7

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

I write in opposition to SB 294. Ohioans deserve a clean environment, and policy driven by public health and environmental stewardship - not oil and gas interests. Not to mention that alternative energies are competitive, but SB 294 aims to tip the scales in favor of oil and gas interests, which is anticompetitive conduct that our elected should not endorse.

- **Methane is not a "Green" Solution:** The fracking process releases methane that is 20 times more potent than CO2 and risks contaminating our water and air.
- **Renewables are Cheaper and Create Jobs:** Solar and wind are the most deployable and cost-effective forms of energy, and Ohio is already home to major solar manufacturing that provides thousands of good-paying jobs.
- **Protect Fair Competition:** Ohio law is already tipped in favor of oil and gas; SB 294 would further suppress renewable energy by ignoring the reliability of battery storage.

Ashley Campbell,

Granville, Ohio