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Subject: SB294 comment for consideration before Feb 3 2026 10 AM deadling

Dear Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Smith, and Committee Members,

Please consider that methane from fossil fuels is not a "Green" solution. The fracking process releases methane that is 20 times more potent than CO2 from fossil fuels and therefore risks contaminating our ground water and air. These are serious health concerns for Ohio. Renewables (wind and solar) are cheaper and create jobs. Solar and wind are the most deployable and cost-effective forms of energy. They can provide a much better future for Ohio workers than the fossil fuel industry. Ohio is already home to major solar manufacturing that provides thousands of good-paying jobs!!!! This is great and should be recognized. Please protect Fair Competition. Ohio law already favors oil and gas. SB 294 would further suppress renewable energy, especially by ignoring the reliability of battery storage. This is so important to consider. Please help us to store energy from renewable sources by reliable batteries to use when the solar and wind sources are not actively producing energy. Other states do this. Why can't we take advantage of our clean resources in Ohio, such as solar and wind with battery backup? It's a system that can work for us. Ohio deserves a truly clean and competitive energy policy. Please help us to get clean energy.

Sincerely,

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