

Opposition Testimony on Senate Bill 294
Ohio Senate Energy Committee

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, Ranking Member, and Members of the Senate Energy Committee,

My name is Devon Price, and I am an Ohio resident writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 294.

As someone who cares deeply about Ohio's environment, public health, and economic future, I am concerned that SB 294 would move our state in the wrong direction by prioritizing oil and gas development while undermining the growth of truly clean, renewable energy.

This bill misleadingly classifies fracked gas as "clean energy," despite overwhelming evidence that the fracking process releases significant amounts of methane—a greenhouse gas more than 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Methane leakage occurs at every stage of extraction and transportation, making fracked gas a major contributor to climate change rather than a solution to it. Labeling it as "clean" does not change its real and documented environmental impacts.

At the same time, SB 294 would make it harder for affordable solar and wind projects to move forward in Ohio. Renewable energy offers long-term benefits for our state, including cleaner air and water, lower energy costs for consumers, and stable jobs that cannot be outsourced. Ohio should be encouraging innovation and investment in these industries, not suppressing them in favor of polluting energy sources.

Ohioans deserve an energy policy that reflects science, protects public health, and supports a sustainable future for our communities. Senate Bill 294 fails to meet those standards. I urge you to oppose this bill and instead pursue policies that promote genuinely clean energy and responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,
Devon Price
Ohio Resident