

100 Goebel Pl.  
Marietta, OH 45750  
(812) 320-3449  
[dawnbirder@gmail.com](mailto:dawnbirder@gmail.com)

Re Senate Bill 294

Dear Senator Chavez and others on the Ohio Senate Energy Committee:

Senate Bill 294 serves the oil and gas industry, but not the citizens of Ohio. I urge you to oppose it. Fracked gas is NOT clean energy, and there is not a safe method of disposing the wastewater produced.

Fracking requires a high-pressure extraction process that releases substantial methane—METHANE!!—a greenhouse gas more than 20 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>. Its leakage at every state makes it a driver of climate change, rather than a green solution.

Senate Bill 294 prioritizes polluting gas projects while making it harder for affordable solar and wind energy to compete.

I urge you to oppose SB294.

We must protect our aquifers and get serious about fossil fuels as a driver of climate change—for our children. I am a resident of Washington County, the dumping ground for fracking waste from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore. I vote in every election. You bet.

Sincerely,

Dawn Hewitt