

Vote NO on SB 294

Legislature must stop boosting gas and nuclear while squashing solar and wind.

SB 294 would declare gas and nuclear to be clean energy, but portray solar and wind as unreliable for purposes of energy siting, thus make the Ohio Power Siting Board more likely to approve gas and nuclear and less likely to approve solar and wind power.

But these are the fact:

- Fracked methane gas is 80% more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. It comes from the highly polluting process of fracking – including of our state parks and public lands – which converts billions of gallons of our fresh water to toxic radioactive waste each year.
- Nuclear relies on constant mining and enrichment of uranium, and highly radioactive nuclear waste must be stored for eons.
- Solar and wind are the cheapest and most deployable form of energy on any scale. They are cheaper and quicker to build than gas and much cheaper and quicker than nuclear.
- Ohio is home to several major solar panel manufacturing companies, including First Solar in Perrysburg and Illuminate USA in Pataskala – no foreign adversary nations required.
- When paired with battery storage, solar and wind can provide reliable, dispatchable 24/7 power.
- The demand for energy will increase in Ohio as more data centers are built.

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Thank you, Marlene Blatnik-Freeze