

Comments regarding SB 294:

I am a lifelong Ohioan, and have major concerns regarding SB 294. Fracking to obtain gas is NOT a clean process, releasing significant amounts of methane into the environment, which is a highly (20x CO₂) potent greenhouse gas. It also generates hazardous wastewater from the fracking fluids, which is already contaminating aquifers in parts of Ohio. This bill obviously favors the highly polluting fossil fuel industry, and would cause much harm to Ohioans, in contrast to truly green options such as wind and solar energy. Fracking more gas will accelerate climate change, which is costing the U.S. many billions of dollars in damages, increasing rapidly with each passing year. We MUST put the brakes on methane and CO₂ emissions and switch to renewable energy sources, for both the health of and economic advantages to Ohio's citizens! SB 294 must be scrapped. I strongly oppose this bill.