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Chair Chavez, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Smith, and Members of the Senate Energy Committee:

The Ohio Independent Power Producers provide this written testimony as indication of our support for passage of House Bill 170.

OIPP members develop, construct, and operate modern natural gas-fired power plants, representing billions of dollars of new private investment in Ohio and thousands of megawatts of new, efficient, and reliable energy. OIPP members have invested over \$6.9 billion in developing and constructing 7,000MW of new generation in Ohio in the last 10 years. These projects are entirely built by private unsubsidized investment, not ratepayer guarantees, with project performance risk on the investors, not captive Ohio ratepayers.

H.B. 170 establishes a legal framework enabling the utilization of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects and technologies. OIPP members take pride in the lower emissions produced by power plants using combined cycle technology. Compared to coal-fired power plants, modern combined cycle plants produce 50-60% less carbon dioxide.

Individual companies and developers may seek further reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and CCS provides the capability to achieve those goals. Moreover, we cannot discount the possibility of future federal air emissions regulations requiring further reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by natural gas power plants. H.B. 170 ensures that OIPP members will have CCS as an option going forward and that the state of Ohio will have primacy over permitting and monitoring of CCS.

Enacting H.B. 170 helps existing power plants already in commercial operation, providing flexible options for compliance with future regulations or achieving new carbon dioxide emissions goals. Importantly, H.B. 170 by creating the legal and regulatory scheme needed to utilize CCS, continues the strong market signals, started by H.B. 15, that Ohio is a business-friendly environment for the development of new generation projects.

OIPP supports H.B. 170 for passage.