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To: Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
From: Eric McCrum, Senior Manager of EV & Energy Programs – Sheetz, Inc.
RE: Proponent written testimony for SB 106

Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member DeMora, and Members of the Senate Public Utilities Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 106. My name is Eric McCrum and I am the Senior Manager of EV & Energy programs for Sheetz, Inc. Sheetz is proud to operate numerous refueling locations throughout Ohio, with plans to add more in the coming years. We are eager to invest in any transportation fuel that our customers want, whether it is gasoline, diesel, natural gas, hydrogen, or electricity. However, the threat of unfair competition from Ohio's electric distribution utilities (EDUs) is currently hindering our investment decisions in Ohio.

We would like to thank Senator Reineke for introducing SB 106, which we believe is a critical first step to removing the anticompetitive barriers that are keeping us and our peers in the industry out of this market. The threat of private investment being in competition with utility-owned EV charging stations that are not subject to normal market and consumer-driven forces prevents us from investing in EV charging stations. SB 106 will provide certainty for companies like Sheetz who want to enter this market but are concerned about making the substantial investment that EV fast-charging services requires without guardrails in place to protect that investment from being undercut by ratepayer-funded EV chargers owned and operated by EDUs.

With all of this said, we recognize that EDUs are an important ally in the electrification of transportation and we remain excited to work with them on EV charging initiatives. Sheetz stands ready to continue to invest and innovate within this space, but what we need is good public policy that ensures fair competition. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this important topic and I encourage you to support SB 106.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric McCrum

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