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The Honorable Shane Wilkin
Chairman
Ohio Senate Public Utilities Committee
1 Capitol Square
Second Floor, Room 221
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Ohio Oil and Gas Association Sub. Senate Bill 103 Written Proponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Wilkin:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony for Sub. Senate Bill 103 on behalf of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA).

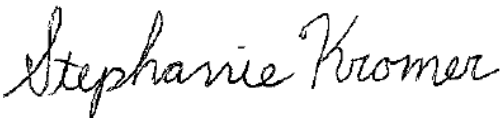
Ohio has a long and proud history regarding natural gas development. Ohio is currently the nation's seventh largest natural gas producer. The Appalachian Basin, consisting of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, is the third largest natural gas producing region in the world, trailing only the rest of the United States and Russia. Ohio and the entire region holds a unique strategic advantage below our feet. OOGA is supportive of all efforts to drive more economic development and new markets using Ohio-produced natural gas.

Sub. Senate Bill 103 makes a variety of changes to modernize the ratemaking process for natural gas utilities in Ohio. Sub. Senate Bill 103 allows for multi-year ratemaking, creates timelines for rates case, and an expedited process for special contract approvals. The bill allows Ohio to continue its focus on building an economy by supporting large-scale economic development with ample energy infrastructure

Because of our abundance and the global marketplace that runs on natural gas, Ohio should explore all opportunities to invest in the state using our resources. Creating fair mechanisms to promote increased natural gas usage, so that the state and its citizens benefit, should be a top priority. This legislation provides a building block for increasing both the scale and efficiency of energy infrastructure projects throughout our state by providing alternative rates for the largest projects and natural gas users. This will allow us to keep more of our natural gas in Ohio so that the benefits from production, transportation, and ultimately end use stay within the state's borders.

Sub. Senate Bill 103 provides an opportunity to efficiently deploy Ohio's abundant natural gas. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we urge you to support Sub. Senate Bill 103.

Sincerely,



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