OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Honorable Shane Wilkin
Chairman, Senate Public Utilities Committee
Ohio Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Wilkin:

On behalf of the members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this letter of support for Senate Bill 103. In March of this year the Ohio Chamber of Commerce offered proponent testimony for SB 103. This letter serves as the Ohio Chamber's continued support of SB 103 after modification of the as introduced version of the legislation.

Ohio is blessed with an abundance of natural gas, but the struggle is how to move it from the wellhead to the ultimate customer. In addition to this issue of constraint, we also have a regulatory lag issue that detracts capital being deployed in Ohio causing a competitive disadvantage compared to other peer jurisdictions.

SB 103 allows the use of forward test periods to better capture planned projects and to tie revenue closer to the capital outlay. The large load users (LLC) arrangement allows a faster shot-clock while also providing protection for non-LLCs. These protections include no financial risk to ratepayers not benefitting from the capital outlay to an LLC.

SB 103 is a sensible step in moving gas from the wellhead to areas of the state experiencing economic growth. It also allows the natural gas company or local distribution company to better compete for capital dollars for replacement, repair or improvement projects in their territory. The reduction in regulatory lag is important as the state faces both a need for process gas and gas as a fuel for the electricity needs of Ohioans.

Sincerely,

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