

## **Ohio Senate Public Utilities Committee**

Proponent Testimony

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Chairman Wilkin, Vice-Chairman Reineke, Ranking Member DeMora, and members of the Senate Public Utilities Committee—thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 151.

My name is Nick York, and I serve as Chief Impact Officer for BargerTech, USA, a Findlay, Ohio-based company developing technologies that convert agricultural and municipal waste into electricity, clean water and carbon-rich fertilizers.

By background, I'm an entrepreneur and attorney with over 30 years of experience advising start-ups, Fortune 500 companies, universities, and public institutions. I've spent my career helping innovative companies and communities grow here in Ohio. And as a lifelong Ohioan, I've seen firsthand how innovation—especially when tied to our agricultural, manufacturing and technology strengths—can transform local economies.

At BargerTech, we are doing something that is both practical and visionary. Our proprietary TRiFi 7000™ Waste-to-Value system takes organic waste—like livestock manure and municipal waste—and converts it into three critical resources: electricity, clean water, and carbon-rich natural fertilizers.

In simple terms, we take the waste management challenges of farmers and communities and turn them into opportunities that strengthen local economies while protecting Ohio's natural resources. Our work is not about choosing between economic growth or environmental stewardship. It's about achieving both.

We're launching our first commercial-scale project here in Ohio later this year. It will stand as a model of how farmers, businesses, and technology can work hand-in-hand to produce abundant and affordable energy, water resilience, and soil restoration right here in our own backyard.

That brings me to Senate Bill 151. Carbon offset markets are important for companies like BargerTech because they recognize and reward real environmental gains achieved with our technologies.

For BargerTech, carbon offsets are not an abstract financial instrument—they are a tangible outcome of our process. Every gallon of clean water produced, every ton of fertilizer saved, every kilowatt of energy generated translates directly to valuable greenhouse gas reductions.

A transparent, well-structured carbon market gives that value a home—and turns sustainability into a robust business model—resulting in more dollars to be reinvested into more projects, more jobs, for more farms and communities across Ohio.

In short, this bill helps make doing the right thing also the smart economic thing. It supports farmers and businesses and keeps Ohio competitive in a growing national clean-energy economy—turning environmental performance into economic opportunity.

For a growing company like BargerTech—built here, creating jobs here, and committed to powering the future of food, energy, and water—this legislation signals that Ohio intends to lead, not follow, in the next generation of the energy and innovation economy.

On behalf of BargerTech and our partners, I want to thank you, Chairman Wilkin, for introducing this legislation and for recognizing the importance of aligning markets, public policy, and innovation in service of Ohio's future. I hope the Committee will pass this Bill.

I'd be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.