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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.

This legislation was recently amended to classify EV charging stations as a *competitive retail electric service (CRES)* under the Ohio Revised Code. This important clarification ensures that electric utilities cannot use ratepayer funds to purchase, own, or operate EV chargers. At the same time, it allows utilities to participate in the EV charging market through a separate subsidiary that competes under the same rates, terms, and conditions as all other providers. In short, this legislation creates a fair, competitive environment in which innovation, investment, and consumer choice can thrive.

We greatly appreciate Senator Reineke's leadership and the Committee's continued work to advance this commonsense reform. This legislation will provide the policy certainty needed for businesses to make long-term investments in EV charging stations throughout Ohio. By ensuring that all participants compete on equal footing, SB 106 promotes transparency, protects consumers, and encourages private capital to drive the growth of Ohio's EV charging market.

We also recognize that EDUs are valuable partners in the broader effort to electrify transportation and maintain a reliable grid. Sheetz looks forward to continued collaboration with utilities as we expand access to fast, reliable EV charging across the state. With fair rules in place, we can work together to make Ohio a leader in this rapidly developing market.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue. I respectfully urge the Committee to support SB 106.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric McCrum

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