

AMERICANS *for* AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY

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To: Senate Public Utilities Committee
From: Robert Baratta, Executive Director – Americans for Affordable Clean Energy (ACEE)
RE: 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 proponent testimony for SB106. My name is Robert Baratta and I am the Executive Director of Americans for Affordable Clean Energy (ACEE).

ACEE is a coalition of some of the most sophisticated and forward-thinking fuel retailers in Ohio and across the country. ACEE believes that the best way to develop Ohio's electric vehicle (EV) charging network is by encouraging private investment and free market competition and the innovation that comes with both.

This is not my first appearance before you to testify about this legislation. Some of you may recall our discussion back in mid-March about how the free market was the best way to build out Ohio's retail EV charging infrastructure and how it makes good public policy sense to ensure Ohio businesses can confidently invest in this growing business area without fear of unfair competition with Ohio's electric distribution utilities (EDUs).

Since that time, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) recommended changes to SB106 to better align its provisions with recently enacted HB15. Our members are supportive of those amendments, and we thank OMA for their collaboration.

Lastly, we want to thank Senator Reineke for his continued determination on this issue and for the generous time he has spent on getting the public policy correct. Our members urge the committee to favorably consider SB106.

Sincerely,



Robert Baratta
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