



**Before the Senate Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 106
Written Proponent Testimony
of
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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member DeMora, and members of the Senate Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 106.

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association represents more than 1,300 manufacturers across the state. Ohio's manufacturing sector employs nearly 700,000 Ohioans and contributes more than \$130 billion annually to our state's economy. Our members are deeply invested in policies that promote reliable, affordable, and competitive energy markets.

The OMA commends Senator Reineke for his leadership and thoughtful revisions to Senate Bill 106, particularly the clarification that electric vehicle (EV) charging is a *competitive retail electric service*. This change appropriately ensures that EV charging operates within Ohio's existing competitive market structure rather than being treated as a regulated monopoly service.

By doing so, the bill encourages private-sector investment and innovation in EV infrastructure while protecting ratepayers from bearing unnecessary costs. Manufacturers, many of whom are already investing in fleet electrification, supply chains, and charging technologies, welcome this market-based approach that creates opportunities for business growth and energy advancement without distorting fair competition.

This clarification is good policy for both job creators and Ohio consumers. A competitive EV charging market will attract private investment, support new manufacturing and technology jobs, and expand charging access efficiently and affordably.

The OMA urges the committee to support Senate Bill 106 and to continue advancing policies that uphold competition, innovation, and economic growth for all Ohioans.