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Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairwoman Jones, Ranking Member Gentile, and Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; thank you immensely for the opportunity to come before you today. I am here to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 320.

I am a third year undergraduate at the University of Dayton. I was afforded the opportunity this past summer to intern in a cooperative education position with a fast-growing, dynamic energy services company near downtown Columbus. I researched, marketed, communicated on their behalf, working alongside industry professionals to serve companies across the Midwest regarding their energy efficiency and energy projects needs. This company heavily benefitted from the passage of House Bill 264, which enables school districts to make energy efficiency improvements, and in turn to finance those and other improvements with the savings gained.

From this experience I have learned a great deal about the importance of policy in the future of the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors.

I have a vested interest in the future of this state, as we all do. I grew up in northeast Ohio, in a small suburb of Akron, Ohio called Cuyahoga Falls. My stepfather worked in the public school district I attended for over thirty years. I go home for the holidays and am filled with a deep, moving respect for the place I call home, and I implore the committee to consider the future of those like me who seek work in the renewable and energy efficiency sectors in this great state.

I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration today. I welcome any questions the committee may have for me.