



April 15, 2021

The Honorable Jason Stephens
Chairman
House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Stephens:

On behalf of McMahan's Bottle Gas and as proud members of the Ohio Propane Gas Association (OPGA), we write in support of House Bill 201.

Our company has been in business since 1955. Today, between our two plants we service approximately 4,000 customers in seven counties around the Dayton area. We have always been a family-owned business and still are today. We are proud of this industry and our business.

Propane is a clean, affordable, versatile, and reliable fuel. Our customers choose propane for those very reasons, which is why passage of HB 201 is so important. From home heating, grilling, crop drying to new uses like propane autogas, our company is proud to serve our customers' diverse energy needs. Today, there are no shortages of options when it comes to energy and we fully support consumers maintaining the ability to choose a fuel which best suits their needs. What deeply concerns us is the growing trend of bureaucracies arbitrarily limiting consumer choice and picking winners and losers by banning the use of certain fuels. Ohio's policymakers should support a level playing field that fosters competition, supports industry jobs, and keeps prices low. HB 201 supports those goals by helping to ensure that Ohio maintains an all the above energy portfolio.

Additionally, we would ask that an amendment be adopted to the bill which would add propane as a fuel source which cannot be banned or limited by a municipality. This clarification is important as propane is a byproduct of natural gas yet defined separately in Ohio revised code.

In closing, we greatly appreciate the efforts of the sponsors to bring this important legislation forward. Thank you for your consideration and support of clean energy choices.

Sincerely,

Chris Buschur
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