



April 20, 2021

Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Hon. Representative Jason Stephens, Chairman  
Hon. Representative Casey Weinstein, Ranking Member

Re: Proponent Testimony on House Bill 201

For more than 40 years the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce has been committed to advancing civic, commercial, industrial, and agricultural interests in Clermont County, Ohio. Our Chamber represents the collective interests of over 600 member companies and over 20,000 employees including such companies as American Modern, Mercy Health, and Total Quality Logistics.

The key to our success in attracting jobs for Ohio residents and stimulating private sector investment has been our comprehensive economic development programming. Key to this success is the ability for our commercial and residential consumers to have access to affordable and available energy. House Bill 201 is vital in protecting consumers' ability to select the energy source that makes most sense to them and provides for their specific needs. We know firsthand the importance of providing quality and affordable energy sources to prospective developers. Several of our new members chose Clermont County to grow their business because of our energy choices and infrastructure. By prohibiting local governments from creating energy policies that select energy options FOR consumers, we protect the economic competitiveness not only for Clermont County, but for the entire State of Ohio.

This legislation is crucial to the community and economic development objectives in Clermont County, and on that basis, we lend our support and asks that the committee report favorably on HB 201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joy Lytle'.

Joy Lytle  
President/CEO