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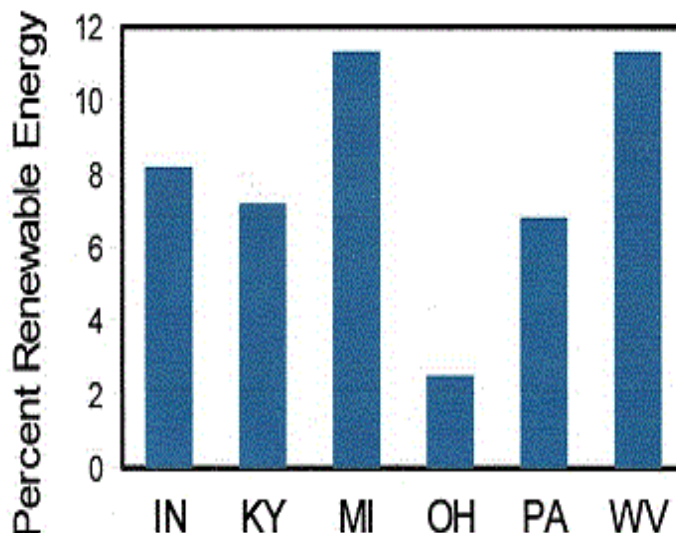
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To: The House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Written Testimony on HB192
PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM STOPPING CERTAIN ENERGY
GENERATION

This written testimony was motivated by my long-standing and strong advocacy of renewable energy. I have testified numerous times over the last decade in opposition to legislation restricting the growth of wind and solar energy. As shown in the attachment, these bills have left Ohio lagging our neighbors in using these modern technologies.

The Twenty-First Century



Is Leaving Ohio Behind

I am offering **interested party testimony** on this bill because it is incomplete. Specifically, the impact of this legislation on renewable energy is unclear. It is possible that HB 192 will be used to inhibit local governments from using electricity derived from renewable sources. As you know, last fall Columbus voters approved city of 100 percent

renewable energy. The electoral margin was three to one. Preventing the city from carrying out this mandate is a direct defiance of the will of the people and the Ohio Constitution. I recommend that wording be added to state that nothing in this section prevents local government from obtaining electricity from renewable sources.