

I am writing in opposition to SB 52 proposed by my own state senator Bill Reineke and against HB 118.

Climate change is an existential threat to our state, our country, and the planet. Climate scientists worldwide agree that we may have only a few years left to reduce carbon emissions which have already raised global temperatures by about 1 degree Celsius. Another degree rise will likely mean catastrophic consequences across the globe. Renewable energy is key to reducing carbon emissions.

And why are solar and wind generation being targeted if not because fossil fuel interests are behind the scenes pushing against the threat of competition from cheaper, cleaner sources of power? We have all witnessed the debacle of HB 6 which showed the level of corruption some investors and politicians will go to to enrich themselves at public expense.

I have a solar array in my backyard. I know the benefits of green energy. I have saved money and we are all breathing cleaner air because of it. Others deserve the chance to benefit from wind and solar. Take away subsidies and special treatment for fossil fuel based power and we'll see what real competition looks like.

These bills are anti-business, anti-consumer, and would make Ohio an also-ran in the economy of the future. Renewable energy could be an economic shot in the arm for this state and trying to stifle it with this type of legislation would be short-sighted and detrimental to our future.

Sincerely,

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