

Dear Chairman Stephens, Vice-Chair, Ranking Member and Members of the Committee:

My Name's Jeremy Koosed, Thank you for accepting my testimony. I've followed environmental issues closely ever since taking Environmental Geography class at Ohio U in 2000 and learning about Manure lagoons at Factory Farms & touring acid mine drainage sites. I grew up on Cleveland's east side, a Happy kid but struggled with terrible allergies and acne. Today my health blogs are focused on reducing disease-risks, informed by the repercussions of my own poor choices. As a kid, my eating habits included microwaving plastic-wrapped cheese sticks and slurping the cheese out which exposed me to myriad chemicals like BPA Dioxin and Phthalates.

Gas drilling waste fluids permeating the environment concern me a great deal. I'm fascinated by the story of Marie Curie and wrote a report about her discover of radium in Middle School. Women exposed to radium in clock manufacture industry where itw as used in luminescent paint came down with terrible cancers. instead of Learning from our History, ODOT keeps a contract with Dave Mansberry who admits to taking footbaths in Aquasalina. This is not where I want my tax dollars spent, as I pay 100 for More for my tags as a hybrid owner trying to conserve fuel.

I support abatement for the millions of gallons of Aquasalina already applied in the past decade. Broadening the use of Brine as a commodity is fooling, reckless, and unforgivable. Don't live in Denial Ohio. This is having a cumulative effect as is accumulates.

As an Anti Cancer advocate who wants to support the "End Cancer" credo of the successful Pelotonia Bike Ride that has raised over a billion for cancer treatment research, I support strict compliance monitoring and lowest possible thresholds for radium in commercial products. SB 171 fails to provide these safeguards. It's the anguish

and worry that things could get even worse which drives my testimony today. My generation is already beset by anxiety, now we have to worry about radium dust flying in our cars when the windows or top is down.

If you say you're for issues like safe streets, that matter to Ohio Families, prioritize safe deicer. Its not just Ohio treelawns and right-of-ways being sacrificed to become a toxic waste dump, but Brine travels away from these areas as runoff into streams and groundwater and get picked up by winds, blowing into our house on dusts that contribute to our chronic disease states. Science literate Ohioans do not want millions more gallons of contamination to burden and sicken future generations!

As Far as health-scandals and disease-inducing scourges go, Brine-spreading is one of the most egregious because of the widespread nature and the permanent change we are making to background radiation, escalating cancer risks with every application. Remember Radium-226 is a known carcinogen list, a class 1 hazard registered with IARC division of the World Health organization. Not a probable, but known. You dont get on the known-list by error. This has been thoroughly verified. Ohio has already given a lot of toxic forever-pollution to the planet in the form of polymers like vinyl, PFOA/PFAS. And lets not forget the catastrophic Belmont Co Methane explosion. My elders have taught me to defend the sacred and be a whistle-blower in situations MLK warned about when "silence is betrayal". This is one of those situations. Please reject SB 171.