

Thank you all for your public service representing the voices of your constituents. I appreciate the opportunity to voice the opinion of many who are unable to make this hearing. You have a responsibility and duty to uphold what is best for and the desires of your constituents. You work for us. As such and since the embarrassment of the passing and subsequent stalling of a full repeal of HB6, Ohio's most corrupt bill to ever become law, SB117 is a most necessary next step in the justice of ridding Ohioans of that aberration of a bill. Those are not just my words, but the result of numerous guilty pleas submitted by perpetrators of bribery to pass the bill, FBI indictments and raids, and likely more to come.

No Ohioan should be paying more each month to bail out two dirty, inefficient, expensive 1950s coal plants through the end of the decade. I personally cannot afford to pay one penny more in utility bills than necessary and **especially not** for one in Indiana. That is unconscionable to me. These plants should be retired, not bailed out. SB117 is the first step in that process.

Moreover, these plants have been an environmental burden on Ohioans as major emitters of greenhouse gases in and around Ohio causing additional costs and irreparable harm not only to the environment, but to the health of Ohioans, as well. The COVID-19 pandemic is a respiratory virus bringing more emphasis to air quality. I, and the rest of Ohioans, deserve to breathe clean air and certainly should not have to pay extra to keep these old polluting plants operating and continuing to deteriorate our air quality. Ohio needs to step up to clean, renewable energy resources.

The OVEC bailout was foolish and costly to Ohioans. Supporting and passing bipartisan SB117 would hold the OVEC owners responsible for their own bad decisions letting Ohio consumers off the hook.

SB117 must be passed to limit utility influence and money (money collected from customers) in the legislature. The OVEC bailout in HB6 was a handout to AEP, Duke, and Dayton Power & Light to get their support for the corrupt HB6. Ohioans should dictate what goes into legislation, not big companies like AEP, Duke, and Dayton Power & Light.

Putting people over profit is the right and just course of action. By supporting SB117 you are demonstrating your commitment to do so.

Thank you.