



Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Senate Bill 118
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Chairman McColley and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on Senate Bill 118 (SB 118).

The Alliance for Energy Choice is an Ohio non-profit corporation that seeks to promote fairness and competition in electric utility service. The Alliance advocates for free-market solutions that will ensure an adequate and fairly priced supply of electric power to Ohio's residents, businesses, and industries. The Alliance also advocates for policies that do not favor one supplier or one form of energy over another.

The members of the Alliance support a full repeal of the Renewable Resource Credit Payment provisions enacted into Ohio law as part of HB 6. It was disappointing and puzzling the provision repealing that unwarranted utility scale solar subsidy was removed from HB 128 prior to its enactment.

Allowing a select few utility scale solar facilities to be eligible for a subsidy when countless other similar projects are moving forward in this state without the need for ratepayers to subsidize them is counterintuitive and unnecessary. Solar development has increased organically throughout Ohio, but directly picking winners and losers in a vibrant marketplace, as this subsidy does, discourages future investment from those companies and developers that are unwilling to risk their capital in a state that is prone to unjustifiable market interference.

Our membership urges the Ohio Senate to pass this bill as soon as possible so that Ohio's citizens and businesses do not continue to be harmed by this lingering remnant of HB 6.

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written proponent testimony on SB 118. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like further information regarding this document or the Alliance for Energy Choice.



The Alliance for Energy Choice membership currently includes Calpine, Eastern Generation, The Energy Professionals of Ohio, LS Power, NRG, and Vistra Energy.