

Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition



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PROPONENT TESTIMONY – SB 118 **Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee**

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On Behalf of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition
And its 15 Member Communities
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Chair McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee thank you for this opportunity to present proponent testimony.

The Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC) and its 15 member communities serve 125,000 residential, small businesses, family farms, and even our own government buildings in our electric aggregations. Unlike many who claim to represent customers, NOAC, like the Ohio Consumers Council and the Ohio Manufacturers Association, does represent customers.

NOAC supports SB 118 because it lowers customers' electric bills and is fair to customers.

SB 118 seeks to eliminate another unnecessary subsidy created in the passage of HB 6 which are paid for by customers. As Senator Romanchuk points out, each of the six subsidized solar projects were proposed to the Ohio Power Siting Board well before HB 6's passage. Since then, the number of proposed solar plants has skyrocketed and dwarfs the output of these plants. Clearly a \$20 million yearly subsidy for these facilities is unnecessary for the projects and places all the other solar facilities at an economic disadvantage. There is no benefit to customers.

Simply put, there is no reason to continue charging Ohio families and their employers to needlessly enrich the owners of these six plants.

Chair McColley and members of this committee, thank you for your earlier work that began the process of eliminating each of the corrupt HB 6 subsidies. NOAC urges the Committee and Senate to continue this necessary process and pass SB 118.

NOAC thanks this Committee for the opportunity to testify.