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**Senate Resolution 176 — Sponsor Testimony**  
**Tuesday September 14, 2021**

Chairman McColley, Vice Chairman Schuring, Ranking Member Williams and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to provide brief proponent testimony today on Senate Resolution 176 regarding Ohio's oil and gas industry.

As you may know, Congress is currently in the process of voting on legislation that proposes to invest in America's infrastructure. Tucked away in this legislation are numerous punitive measures aimed at America's oil and gas industry that could jeopardize American energy independence. Some of those include targeting intangible drilling costs and methane emissions.

These measures were not developed in conjunction with the industry, which is currently investing millions of dollars to reduce these emissions. Rather, these provisions seek to punish the industry to appease particular constituencies.

As my resolution states, this industry contributed more than \$58.7 billion to Ohio's economy in just 2019, likely more today. Additionally, the industry supported more than 375,000 jobs in the state adding up to \$24.6 billion. Those are dollars that are being spent here, invested here, and shared here as workers eat at restaurants, purchase groceries, and support local economies.

Finally, we are seeing the benefit this industry is bringing to the state. Local 396 Plumbers & Pipefitters just reported their apprenticeship program has the highest number of participants they have ever had. The union's training director Richard Boyarko was quoted as saying "We need the apprentices because we've got a lot of big projects going on." Ohioans are better off because the oil and gas industry is strong in Ohio.

Thank you once again Chairman McColley and members of the committee for the opportunity to present this legislation to you today. I will be glad to answer any questions at this time.

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# Natural Gas and Oil Fuels Ohio's Economy and Workforce

Access to natural gas and oil development will be a key driver of the post-pandemic recovery in Ohio. **The industry supported over 375,000 Ohio jobs, provided over \$24.6 billion in wages and contributed more than \$58.7 billion to the state's economy in 2019**, according to a study conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) that compiles the latest available government data.



## JOB OVERVIEW

From petroleum engineers and truck drivers to contractors and manufacturers, the natural gas and oil industry supports a wide range of jobs across the Ohio economy. Research shows that every direct job in the natural gas and oil industry generates an additional 3.8 jobs in Ohio.

## JOB SUPPORTED BY THE INDUSTRY



**78,870**

Natural Gas and Oil



**17,500**

Exploration  
and Production



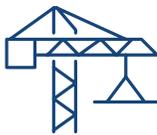
**151,440**

Services



**30,100**

Wholesale and Retail



**18,220**

Construction



**21,350**

Transportation  
and Warehousing



**30,210**

Manufacturing



**45,030**

Other



## OVER \$24.6 BILLION IN WAGES

Good jobs mean community-supporting wages that are spent on homes, at local restaurants, car dealerships and small businesses.



## MORE THAN \$58.7 BILLION IN ECONOMIC IMPACT

Industry activity boosts manufacturing, logistics, banking and construction among dozens of other economic sectors.

Resource: "Impacts of the Natural Gas and Oil Industry on the U.S. Economy in 2019," prepared for the American Petroleum Institute by PwC in July 2021.



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