

Dear Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Martin and members of the committee,

Please see the scan of my Witness Form below.

I am Meral Crane, 82 year old resident of Columbus, Ohio. I am very alarmed and worried about the progress of HB 434 both on financial grounds as tax payers would be paying for the enormous costs and even more so I am anxious that we would needlessly expose our surroundings and population and especially our young, to radioactivity. We have all witnessed and read about catastrophic situations due to malfunction or accidents in nuclear centers. It is especially senseless at this point in our technological development when safe solar and wind energy are viable possibilities. We have not had a chance to truly witness benefits of wind and solar energy because we have not given them support so that they thrive. Wind and solar would benefit our communities without the downsides of seeking nuclear option.

I have a personal example of how useless such pursuit can be: My family used to own a summer home on the North Shore of Long Island where there was a similar effort that actually resulted in building a facility, after a lot of expense; defacing and waisting beachfront use for those in the community, it ultimately had to be deserted without ever serving the community as promised but not before huge expense for "research and development" just as the chosen group in Ohio would embark on.

At the very least, there must be true and strong public oversight and accountability of those who are to be involved in efforts to Develop Nuclear Technology. However, it is important and urgent to first truly support solar and wind energy.

Thank you for hearing my concerns,

Regards,

Meral Crane