

December 4, 2022

Testimony against HB 434

Dear Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Shuring, Ranking member Martin
And Members of the Committee:

I am Rev. Gary Witte, a retired United Church of Christ clergy. I am here to present testimony against the proposed HB 434.

Ohio does not need more research on providing Nuclear energy to this state. In fact, the future is in Solar and Wind generated energy which is safer, less expensive and more sustainable toward a healthy Ohio. History has shown the inherent dangers of nuclear energy with the tragic events of Chernobyl, Japan and the near catastrophe in Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania.

This bill will open the door to taxpayers and customers to subsidize next generation nuclear power which is totally unnecessary because of its inherent risks and escalating costs.

Ohio's future is in renewable energy of solar and wind and away from wildly expensive nuclear energy. Ohio does not need radioactivity waste which has a potential to contaminate huge portions of land and poison millions of citizens.

Within the last decade public pressure has caused us to turn away from the harmful effects of coal-powered energy plants. It is now important that we make serious efforts to eliminate the use and propagation of nuclear energy. We have the research and ability to convert our energy sources to renewable sustainable energy. I urge the defeat of HB434