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To: Chairman McColley,

Vice Chair Schuring,

Ranking Member Martin,

and members of the committee,

Via Email delivery to kayleigh.Bernow@ohiosenate.gov

On behalf of myself, Jan Boudart, I am hereby offering witness testimony OPPOSING to H.B. 434, the "Advanced Nuclear Technology Helping Energize Mankind Act" ("ANTHEM Act").

RE: Opposition testimony to H.B. 434

My state, Illinois, has more nuclear power plants (NPPs) than any other state in the union. As a citizen of said state, I have a vital interest in nuclear power projects — in outer space, globally, state-wide, and locally — including the financial, environmental, propaganda, factual and scientific developments embodied in Ohio's HB 434.

I am opposed to the passage of HB 434 in the Ohio Assembly. Actually, I am more than opposed; I am fearful of any legislation that continues the huge amounts of wasted money, the secrecy, and the lack of local or state control over the national fission project. I am afraid of its

obsequious relationship to the Department of Defense. (Classifying nuclear-power projects under the Department of Energy is a less-than-half truth, very close to an outright lie.) From the beginning, "Atoms for Peace" has been an obfuscation of nuclear power plants' (NPPs') real purpose: to produce, under propaganda cover, R&D in nuclear arsenal development, and the production of explosive isotopes in the fiery, evil heart of the nuclear reactor.

As for my specific objections to HB 434. These were explained in detail in a 31- point document by Pat Marida in an Ohio Nuclear-Free Network report. There is no need for me to repeat them, although Ms Marida's points are true and worthy

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of strong consideration.* The trail from the Ohio Department of Development to eGeneration to the language in HB 434 is essentially the description of a Public/ Private, non-accountable corporation: the essence of Fascism. When taxpayer/ ratepayer money is funneled into an entity that doesn't have to have open accounting books, that's scary.

In addition, HB 434 doesn't deal with the immediacy of climate disruption; instead it distracts from any realistic, efficient solution to our greenhouse gas (GHG) problem. Why are our state assemblies indulging in displacement activity that sidesteps the crisis facing its citizens: the Climate Catastrophe? Not only do these distractions siphon money away from renewable energy projects — the real

solution to GHG in the atmosphere — but the denial and avoidance goes to the gut, like the slogan "Don't Look Up" in the eponymous movie. In other words, keep your nose buried in HB 434 so you won't have to face an deal with our sleepwalking into climate disaster. I submit that, instead of spending time and money on HB 434, you DO YOUR JOB: creating legislation and state entities that don't confound and stymie citizens, but serve and protect your communities.

Sincerely, Jan Boudart

*I have attached Pat Marida's document.