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The Honorable Troy Balderson Chairman Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Senate Building 1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Balderson:

On behalf of more than seven million senior supporters of the 60 Plus Association and more than 303,000 senior supporters in Ohio we are writing in support of H.B. 114, the Revise Energy Efficiency Provisions Bill. We believe that enforcing wind and solar mandates is doing a disservice to the community as it will result in higher utility costs for families and especially for seniors living on fixed incomes.

Seniors pay a disproportionate share of their income for basics, like rent, food, medicine, and utilities -- so while this plan hurts all Ohioans, it is especially painful to seniors and the poor.

We believe in the principles of free markets, competition, and not expensive regulations that will result in job loss and more and more resources spent on compliance costs. This legislation will help renewable energy sources, so that wind and solar power no longer need the assistance of the government to support the industries.

The government regulation on energy has gotten out of control in recent years, and with the new administration and Congress's agenda, the future is looking brighter based on lower energy costs and more freedom of choice.

Mr. Chairman, once again on behalf of over 300,000 seniors in the Buckeye State we urge the committee to take one step closer toward energy independence and pass H.B. 114.

Respectfully,

James L. Martin Founder/Chairman

The 60 Plus Association is a 25-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security and Medicare, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a less government, less taxes approach as well as a strict adherence to the Constitution. 60 Plus calls on support from over 7 million activists. 60 Plus has been called, "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group," and recognized as the alternative to the AARP.

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