



To: Chairman Doug Green, Vice Chairman Riordan T. McClain,
Ranking Member Michael Sheehy,
Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

From: Tyler M. Duvelius, Executive Director, Ohio Conservative Energy Forum

Date: December 1, 2020

Subject: House Bill 202, Written Testimony of Tyler M. Duvelius, Interested Party

My name is Tyler Duvelius, I serve as the Executive Director of the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum (OHCEF). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony as an interested party to House Bill 202.

OHCEF was founded in 2015 to provide a forum for conservatives to discuss a diverse, all-of-the above energy portfolio – one that includes not only existing sources of energy generation such as coal, nuclear and natural gas, but one that also seeks to expand the development of clean and renewable energy sources – like wind and solar energy. OHCEF believes that clean energy technologies, of all stripes, can strengthen both our economy and our national security while providing unmatched opportunities for innovation, such as those that we are currently seeing in the Mahoning Valley – or as it has been referred to by Vice President Pence, the Voltage Valley.

The electrification of the auto industry in Ohio that we are already witnessing in Lordstown is precisely the reason as to why the members of future General Assemblies would benefit from an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Committee, as proposed in House Bill 202. As technology continues to advance, the future of the next generation of the automotive industry will be cleaner and more electric than that of the automotive industry that propelled Ohio throughout much of the 20th Century.

If Ohio is to remain a leader in the automotive and manufacturing industries, it is vital that our government officials diligently study what types of policies are necessary to foster the growth of a 21st Century industry that will create jobs for thousands of Ohioans. In fact, according to the most recent Clean Jobs Midwest report (see Attachment 1), the advanced transportation industry already employs over 16,000 Ohioans.

OHCEF believes in a free and fair market for all industries – especially those industries that concern energy development and electrification. As we stand at the dawn of a new automotive era, it is imperative that Ohio policymakers understand the costs and opportunities associated with the construction of a statewide infrastructure that supports electric vehicles and the public-private partnerships that could support and sustain such a system of infrastructure. Just as importantly, policymakers must be aware of when it is appropriate to stand aside and remove burdensome regulations that could prevent this growing and emerging industry from flourishing. The creation of an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Committee would be an important step toward answering the many questions that accompany new technology and a rapidly growing industry.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony on House Bill 202. I would be happy to discuss this bill in greater detail with members of the committee. I can be reached via email at tyler@ohcef.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler M. Duvelius", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Tyler M. Duvelius
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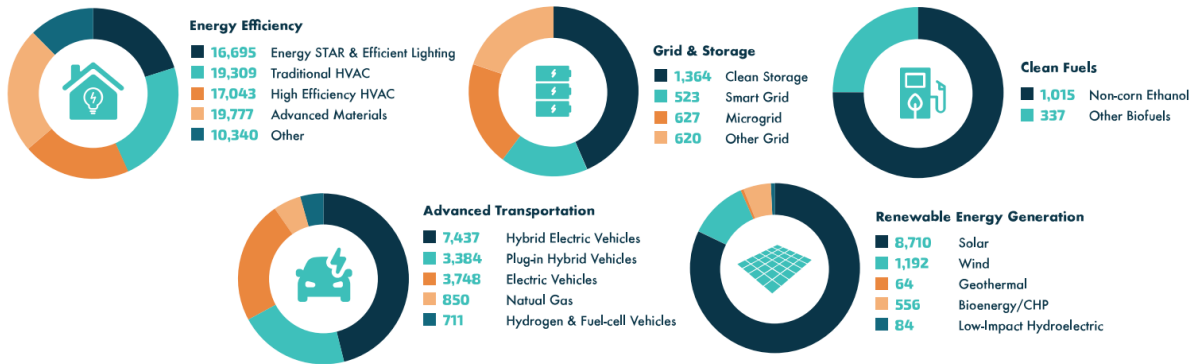
ATTACHMENT 1

Clean Jobs Midwest Report Ohio Clean Energy Jobs Statistics

Jobs by Sector



Subsector Details



62% Small businesses drive the state's clean energy sector -- 62 percent of Ohio's clean energy businesses employed fewer than 20 individuals in 2019

11% In 2019, 11 percent of clean energy workers were veterans -- nearly twice the representation of veterans in the state's overall workforce

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