

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee  
Chairman Steve Wilson  
Opponent Testimony on Substitute House Bill 6  
Testimony of Macin Sheeder  
Concerned Ohio Citizen

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Chair Wilson, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Williams, and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, my name is Macin Sheeder, and I am a college student here in Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today as an opponent to Substitute House Bill 6.

When I decided to spend my young adulthood in Ohio, I was not expecting to have to fight for my right to a clean, liveable future, yet here I am. Rather than make decisions that are in our best interests, people in positions of power are neglecting their responsibility to those they represent. The current system operates to please corporate desires in hopes of election money, at the expense of our only Earth. To be frank, I am fed up. The next generations of American workers, leaders, and families deserve better than House Bill 6.

**Our future is not your business opportunity.**

Young people will no longer be silent, complacent, or ignorant. By sacrificing our long-term public health for short-term corporate gain, you are leaving future generations of Americans with the nearly-impossible task of healing the damage of mass air and water pollution. Fixing past mistakes will not be easy, but a clean, liveable future is possible if we start taking steps in the right direction *today*. If House Bill 6—a step backwards— is passed, this future will become out of reach more so than it ever has been before.

When bills such as this are proposed, I feel ashamed to have chosen Ohio as my home. This is all I ask of you: Value my life. Value my future. Value the future of your sons and daughters and grandchildren. If you continue spiraling down this harmful path of deliberate ignorance, I can assure you that I will take the earliest opportunity to leave the state. It is not too late to fix this. Today, you have an opportunity to be a leader in the fight for a clean future—something we should embrace, not fear. I appreciate your time and consideration today, and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Macin Sheeder