

To our Ohio elected leaders,

In today's political and social climate, holding our representatives accountable has gained much needed attention and action. Ohioans and Americans alike understand people make mistakes, but we do not condone the failure to admit shortcomings (which displays self-awareness, leadership, and personal growth) from our representatives and legislators as well as the continuation of the Ohio 6 Bill when it is clear the entire passing of the bill was related to illegal activities and scamming the constituents our leaders claim to be advocating for.

The facts have been laid out and discussed, yet the House Select Committee on Energy Policy and Oversight held no public hearings and have announced they will not meet again until further notice. This past year has shown Ohioans that financial greed and the never-ending strive for power continues to supersede the moral and right thing to do.

Cease continuing down the path of choosing large corporations and financial gains over your duties as our representatives. Public officials are servant leaders and their role is to identify wrongdoings, look at the facts, and use the data to find solutions.

"HB 6 was passed on the backs of hard-working Ohioans - costing consumers more than \$1.5 billion, costing Ohioans jobs, and all the while stripping away efficiency and clean energy programs that had the potential to continue to improve Ohio's environment...all of this just to benefit First Energy, now known as Energy Harbor, and its shareholders."

As a graduate student earning my Master's in Public Health, I have spent the past two years studying the public health problems Ohioans and American citizens across the country face, and while we have evidence-based solutions, they are oftentimes overlooked due to the financial restraints they may cost; we could invest much need funding into environmentally friendly infrastructures and be a pioneer in helping the climate crisis, yet our representatives choose to funnel that money to companies that not only further regress our initiatives to cleaner energy but have repeatedly put profits over people.

Ohioans did not favor this bill, and was only passed by one vote, which is another example of our elected officials not fulfilling their promises to put constituents first. Please be a breath of fresh air in these corrupt and dishonest times and repeal House Bill 6. Thank you for your time.

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