

Proponent Testimony of Micaela Preskill on Ohio Senate Bill 346
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Chair Wilson, Ranking Member Williams, and members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 346.

Ohio needs to repeal HB6 and replace it with forward-thinking clean energy policies that will save Ohioans money and create jobs while also protecting our environment.

See below for a letter signed from Ohio business leaders calling for the need to repeal HB6 to create a fertile environment in Ohio to create new business and grow clean energy jobs.

For reference to the committee, please also see the following publications from E2 members and supporters calling for the need for HB6 repeal.

- [Dayton Daily News op-ed](#) by Energy Optimizers CEO Greg Smith
- [Blog](#) by Donovan Energy CEO Tim Donovan site:
- [Athens Messenger op-ed](#) by ARP Solar CEO Gary Easton
- [Akron Beacon Journal op-ed](#) by Melink Corporation CEO Steve Melink
- [Lima News op-ed](#) by from Inovateus Solar CEO TJ Kanczuzewski



Good for the Economy.
Good for the Environment.

As members and supporters of E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs) and business leaders throughout Ohio, we ask you to repeal HB6. Ohio needs clean energy policies that grow our economy and create new employment opportunities across the state.

E2 is a national, nonpartisan group of more than 9,000 business leaders, investors and other professionals, including almost 200 business people in Ohio, who support policy that is good for our economy and good for our environment. E2 members have founded or funded more than 2,500 companies, created more than 600,000 jobs, and manage more than \$100 billion in venture and private equity capital.

Ohio needs forward-thinking clean energy policies that will save Ohioans money, protect our environment, and create jobs. Clean energy - like wind, solar, energy storage, and energy efficiency - is a good place to start.

The clean energy industry creates jobs.

- The recently released [Clean Jobs Midwest](#) report shows that clean energy is a major employer in the state, accounting for over 2 percent of total statewide employment. At the end of 2019, there were over 114,000 clean energy jobs in Ohio. For comparison, there were 14,000 jobs in the coal industry and less than 2,000 jobs in the nuclear industry.
- The vast majority of Ohio's clean energy jobs in 2019 – some 83,000 - were in energy efficiency. These are good jobs. They're factory jobs manufacturing energy efficient appliances like dishwashers and dryers. They're construction jobs for workers who improve the energy efficiency of our homes, schools and office buildings with better lighting, HVAC systems, insulation, windows and energy management technologies and controls.
- The clean energy industry is made up of small businesses from every corner of the state. At the end of 2019, over 60 percent of Ohio's clean energy workforce were employed by businesses with fewer than 20 employees. More than 17,500 of all Ohio clean energy jobs were based in rural areas.

HB6 threatens a growing industry.

- In recent years, we've seen clean energy grow to become a dynamic industry in our state and across the Midwest. At the end of 2019, clean energy jobs were growing four times faster than overall state employment.
- HB6 pulled the rug out from under Ohio's thousands of clean energy workers. HB6 makes Ohio one of the weakest in the country for clean energy development and attracting new businesses and investment. The future of the industry in our state now lies in question.

It's time to repeal HB6. Ohio needs policies that will build our state's economy for the long-haul, support the clean energy industry, and provide the needed market certainty for new businesses to set up shop and grow here in Ohio.

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