



*Using **Our** Energy to Save **Yours***

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## **Repeal HB 6 Testimony 10/27/20**

My Name is Gary Swanson. I am a professional engineer and owner of Energy Management Solutions. We work with about 250 large commercial and Industrial customers in Ohio. We have been working in Ohio for the past 10 years, helping customers to find ways to reduce energy costs. Our Customers represent about 25,000 employees and have been able to save a substantial amount of energy by using the Ohio energy efficiency programs. Unfortunately, Energy Management Solutions had to close our office and apartment in Ohio, as well as let employees go, as a result of HB 6. We used the utility energy efficiency rebate programs to help customers reach the next level of energy efficiency projects on the fruit tree. Without the rebates, they could not afford to do this level of energy efficiency projects. It is certainly not fair for customers, who need help in saving energy, to compete with neighboring states that still have energy efficiency programs. Energy Management Solutions is one of the HB 6 casualties that killed the energy efficiency programs in Ohio. There are over 82,000 jobs, in Ohio alone, that have been developed as a result of second-best energy efficiency program in the country. Why kill this incredible program when it impacts so many jobs and helps all Ohio companies to be able to become more efficiency and compete with other states.

Please repeal HB 6 so we can reinstate this essential program and not let First Energy win with a corrupt bailout of the nuclear plants. Show the people of Ohio that you will do the right thing to fight corruption!

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