House Bill 6 was pushed through the Ohio General Assembly with dishonest tactics and misinformation in July 2019.

HB6 uses taxpayer money to bolster two outdated nuclear power plants in Ohio, and two coal-fired power plants. It nearly eliminates renewable energy and energy efficiency standards in Ohio. It allows a fee to be added to every electricity bill in the state. Over \$150 million a year will be handed to two nuclear power plants over the next 6 year and \$60 million a year will be spent on two coal fired plants for the next 10 years.

Ohioans overwhelming opposed HB6 and last year they worked to put the measure on the ballot before it could be enacted. Consumers, taxpayers, environmental groups, the clean energy sector, and the natural gas industry joined in opposition to this corrupt legislation. The grassroots referendum to stop HB6 was blocked with twisted narratives that obscured the intent of the bill and concealed the need for it to be repealed.

This shift backwards to polluting coal and nuclear power damages our clean energy sector and eliminates secure, well-paying jobs in solar and wind energy generation. Energy efficiency provides savings to every Ohioan while moving us towards a greener, safer economy. Ohio has a great opportunity to develop sustainable solar and wind energy production. Outdated companies need to change or step aside and allow Ohioans to build our sustainable energy sector while protecting our air, water, and soil.

Former Speaker Larry Householder and four others were arrested in July 2020 on charges of racketeering, bribery, and corruption in connection with last year's passage of HB6. Their crimes include receiving \$60 million in their own personal accounts to ensure the passage of a bill written to profit of First Energy stockholders and its affiliates.

Householder has been rightly removed from the position of Speaker of the House. Members of Ohio's General Assembly have proposed multiple bills that would reverse the damage done by HB6. However, in the 3 months since the arrests, no action has been taken by the General Assembly to repeal this corrupt legislation.

House Bill 738 will repeal HB6. It has been co-sponsored by over 40 members of the Ohio House of Representatives. House Bill 738 needs to be passed to remove last year's corrupt and damaging law and to put Ohio back on the path to leadership in a strong clean energy sector.

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