

We have been powering our home with solar generated electricity for over 25 years. Our current solar array provides 75% of our electricity. You can see us and other local homes on this year's national solar tour at nationalsolartour.org.

Our solar array does not pollute, like ALL of Ohio's Coal Plants. It also does NOT burden taxpayers with storing and protecting its nuclear waste... in fact, it doesn't even GENERATE waste. It is clean, renewable power, and if we can make it right here on our roof, then surely our ENERGY COMPANIES can make it at their power plants.

The energy of the future will come from wind turbines on Lake Erie and wind turbines on Ohio's farms. The future is utilities working with the government to install solar on the roofs of stores, factories and warehouses. New technologies like solar and wind need incentives to help them reach competitive economies of scale. Those incentives can easily be paid for by assigning value to their ENVIRONMENTAL benefits.

Entrenched industries, like nuclear, coal, and even natural gas should NOT need incentives. If those industries cannot remain competitive because THEY have severe environmental and climate change impacts, then they should be gradually abandoned. If those industries cannot remain competitive because the cost of storing their waste, the cost of making them safe, and the costs of protecting them from terrorism are too great (and YES I am talking about the NUCLEAR INDUSTRY HERE), then they should be gradually abandoned.

Renewable energy is the future, and will shortly provide MANY TIMES more jobs than those that may be lost by closing a nuclear plant. They will be well paying, OHIO jobs, and could include jobs to expand our already potent industrial capacity to produce renewable energy products for export to other states and around the world.

Please Repeal House Bill 6 and move Ohio into the 21st century.

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