

Ohio Senate
Energy and Public Utilities Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio

November 30, 2020

To Chair Wilson, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Williams, and the Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written interested party testimony on Senate Bill 346 to repeal HB 6 of the 133rd Ohio General Assembly. On October 9th, the Oak Harbor Village Council passed Resolution 15-2020 A Resolution by the Village of Oak Harbor supporting Sound State Energy Policy. Specifically, our resolution expressed support for HB6 due to its support of nuclear energy. Our resolution, which I have attached below, acknowledge four specific benefits of nuclear energy:

First, nuclear energy provides resilient baseload generation.

Second, nuclear energy provides carbon free energy generation.

Third, nuclear energy ensures that Ohio has a diverse mix of energy generation assets.

Fourth, the nuclear energy industry preserves and enhances demand for skilled labor jobs both through its generation facilities as well as their resulting supply chains.

In particular, the resolution expresses the Council's opposition to any legislative action that does not preserve support for nuclear energy in Ohio. It is our opinion that any action that improves state energy policy must contain support for this key energy resource. Seeing as the complete repeal of HB6, as proposed in SB 346, would undermine the positive effects outlined by our resolution, I must express that I believe SB346 to be contrary to the needs of our community as resolved in Resolution 15-2020.

Sincerely,

Jackie Macko
Council President Pro Tempore
The Village of Oak Harbor

PASSED 10/19/20

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2020

**A RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR
SUPPORTING SOUND STATE ENERGY POLICY**

WHEREAS, a sound state energy policy is critical to the welfare of our communities, our economies, our environment, and our national security;

WHEREAS, a bill To Create a Clean Air Program, popularly known as House Bill 6, was passed by the State of Ohio to improve the soundness of energy policy in Ohio;

WHEREAS, nuclear energy is a critical part of sound energy policy due to a variety of factors, including its status as reliable baseload generation, carbon free energy production, and its provision of diversity to the energy generation portfolio;

WHEREAS, nuclear energy generation also has an important impact on Ohio's economy through its generation facilities and resulting supply chains, particularly on skilled labor jobs in the manufacturing and construction sectors;

WHEREAS, House Bill 6 continues to provide a positive impact on Ohio energy policy through its support of nuclear energy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR, OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Village of Oak Harbor expresses its support for nuclear energy as a source of carbon free energy generation and acknowledges the importance of nuclear energy to (1) resilient baseload energy generation, (2) carbon free energy production, (3) a diverse mix of energy generation assets, (4) maintenance of strong skilled labor jobs through its generation facilities and resulting supply chains.

SECTION 2. The Village of Oak Harbor expresses support for House Bill 6 for the nuclear energy policy contained within it and expresses its opposition to any legislative action which does not preserve support for nuclear energy in Ohio.

SECTION 3. The Council directs the Mayor to communicate the passage of this resolution to our State Senator, State Representative, Ohio House Select Committee on Energy Policy and Oversight, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Governor of the State of Ohio


SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council regarding and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Approved: Oct. 19, 2020



Quinton Babcock, Mayor

Attest:


Danna McClanahan, Fiscal Officer

Dated: Oct. 19, 2020