

Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Opponent Testimony, HB 192
Ariel Miller, May 5, 2021

Chairman Stephens, Vice Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Weinstein, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 192 today. This bill endangers the ability of local communities to make responsible decisions to protect residents' health and safety and to reduce their carbon footprint.

I am a Christian constituent who lives in Cincinnati and serves as a lay leader in a parish in Wyoming. Both communities have chosen aggregation with 100% renewable energy offsets. These choices were made carefully with lots of community input. The fact that our electricity use is sustainable is a source of pride and hope to many of our citizens, particularly young people, who are deeply concerned about the danger climate change poses to their future lives and livelihoods.

Local communities also need the power to protect public health and quality of life by zoning and regulations to prevent hazardous exposures and excessive noise. Your bill would curtail this essential local government function.

Please discard HB 192.

Thank you.
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