

I respectfully submit this letter in opposition to Senate Bill 52. SB 52 is an extremely backward looking proposal. If Ohio wants to be at the forefront of modern industry and energy, it must strongly reject this proposed legislation. Ohio citizens understand that fossil fuel companies are very aggressive in lobbying the Ohio Senate and have almost limitless funds with which to do so. That probably means that this retrogressive bill will receive some positive votes for no other reason. However, since the proposal would harm new businesses and Ohio's chance to lead in the clean energy sector, it is imperative that this bill be seen for what it is, a gift to those insisting on keeping taxpayer money tied up supporting the old, dirty, way of doing things. This bill would harm new clean and safe development, including infrastructure, and cost all consumers, especially in the long run.

This bill would subject clean energy developers and providers to costs and hoops that fossil fuel companies have never been subjected to. What with the recent and ongoing scandal in which the Ohio legislature has found itself, it is urgent that representatives of the citizens refuse to again act to benefit the very small few that help fund campaigns, and step up to act in a forward-thinking manner.

Sincerely,

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