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Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams, and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee: Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony today on Senate Resolution 176.

My name is Jackie Stewart, and I am the Director of External affairs for Encino Energy, a natural gas and oil company that operates in Eastern Ohio. Encino is the largest leaseholder and horizontal well owner in the state, with over one million acres under lease in Ohio. We are also the state's largest producer of oil and second largest producer of natural gas.

The United States Congress has proposed several meaningful tax impacts that could alter Encino's planned investment and job creation in Ohio. More specifically, the proposed tax changes on intangible drilling costs could have adverse impacts to our long-term investment in the state.

Encino alone supports over 6,000 jobs across the state of Ohio, directly and indirectly. We have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in Ohio this year and plan to continue these investments in the years to come. In 2020, Encino sent over 7,000 monthly royalty checks, totaling approximately \$100,000,000 in payments to landowners during the year. Our taxes support our local schools, families, and economies, and our investments are essential contributions to American energy independence and to local economies in Ohio.

Burdensome tax changes could alter these investments that contribute greatly to Ohio's energy mix and support a critical role in addressing global climate change.

I am respectfully requesting your support of Senate Resolution 176 and the recognition of our industry' role in Ohio's economy, jobs, and communities.

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