



Ohio Oil and Gas Association
Proponent Testimony
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Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee
Chairman Rob McColley
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Rob Brundrett, and I am the President of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA). OOGA is a 75-year-old statewide trade association representing both independent conventional producers and large independent horizontal operators exploring Ohio's shale play. OOGA membership also consists of midstream companies, large-scale transmission line companies, contractors, oilfield service and supply providers, manufacturers, gas utilities and various other professional entities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony in support of Senate Resolution 259 (SR 259). SR 259 encourages the President of the United States and United States Congress to take specified actions to encourage the production of domestic energy resources including natural gas and crude oil.

The Appalachian Basin sits atop one of the world's largest deposits of oil and natural gas thanks to the Marcellus and Utica shale formations. Our resources, technology and people have made Ohio one of the most important energy producing regions in the world. In fact, if you combined Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania together it would be the third largest natural gas-producing region in the world, behind only the total United States and Russia.

Our members are proud of the contributions Ohio's oil and gas industry makes not just locally but globally. Ohio is well positioned to continue to provide energy for our citizens, businesses, and allies both at home and across the globe. When times get tough Ohio's oil and gas producers not only continue to answer the bell regardless of the circumstances, but they do it in the most environmentally, and responsible way, through technology and ability.

Our country is at a crossroads. Domestic and world energy demand is outpacing production. A comprehensive federal policy is needed to tackle the global energy crisis that continues to grow. A federal plan that supports investment and provides sensible regulation to promote development is needed. Either the United States can be a world leader in responsible energy production, or it can stand to the side and watch other countries position themselves as world energy leaders.

Therefore, now more than ever, the right policies are needed to reestablish our nation's energy leadership, stability and security which is why the Ohio Oil & Gas Association supports the passage of SR 259.

OOGA would like to thank Senator Schaffer for his work on this resolution and we urge its passage.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to try and answer questions from the committee.