

Dear ladies and gentlemen of the Ohio House and Senate,

I am writing this testimonial in support of HB 308. I have worked in nuclear power plants in Ohio and Pennsylvania for the last 15 years. I have also represented Local 270 as the chairman of Perry Technicians for the last 8 years and was a steward for the union before that.

I write to you today to help to inform you of the benefits to the environment, community, and state. Nuclear power deserves to be classified as green energy as the perry power plant generates 1280 mega watts per hour 24 hours a day everyday without creating any CO2 emissions in the process. Through out the years nuclear power has come under attack from the fossil fuels industry in various ways. Most recently it has been an economic attack. Due to the cheap price and availability of natural gas electricity can be produced by gas plants cheaper than by nuclear plants. As efficient as the gas plants have become, they still create CO2 emissions along with other toxins in their exhaust. This is not the case with nuclear power and whether you believe in global warming or not we can all agree that we would much rather have fresh clean air to breathe for both ourselves, and our family and friends.

Nuclear power plants provide many direct and indirect benefits to the local community and state at large. Tax money collected by state and local governments help support schools and many other programs. These plants create many good paying union and nonunion jobs that help support local and state economies with the taxes workers pay on the income and the money they spend in their daily lives. Well paying jobs also lead to extra money in people's pocket that can be used to donate to the less fortunate among us.

In conclusion the bill HB 308 will move to properly classify nuclear power as green energy helping the nuclear plants we currently have in Ohio to stay profitable in the everchanging future. Also focusing on nuclear power as a reliable and efficient green energy can provide opportunities to build new nuclear plants in our state bolstering tax revenue and the economy.

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