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Proponent Testimony by Zebulon Wallace on House Bill 197 Program Manager, BNRG Renewables House Public Utilities Committee September 20, 2023

Chairman Stein, Vice-Chair Blasdel, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the House Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 197 (HB 197), a bill to provide residents and businesses in Ohio with increased access to solar energy. My name is Zebulon Wallace, and I am Program Manager with BNRG Renewables.

My name is Zebulon Wallace and I have been working in the solar energy industry for nearly fifteen years.

We believe that HB 197 presents residents and businesses in Ohio with a number of compelling opportunities, including but not limited to:

- Increased and diversified income for farmers and other landowners who want to lease a portion of their land for solar development.
- Increased lease and tax revenue from unused brownfield sites.
- Increased renewable energy generation within Ohio, reducing the reliance on fossil fuel sources, such as coal, that are being phased out and retired.
- Increased access to renewable energy for low-income residents and those living in multi-family dwellings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on behalf of HB 197. I am happy to answer your questions.