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**Testimony in opposition to HB 33.**

Chair Dolan, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Inside Ohio's 5,559-page Budget Bill is the entirety of the failed HB 434 from 134th Legislature (reincarnated from HB 104 in the 133rd and HB 771 that failed the 132nd). These 10 pages (pp. 1887-1897) would:

- Create a secretive new Ohio department, an "Ohio Nuclear Development Authority", which would be privatized and invisible within JobsOhio. (Ohio currently has one Authority and 11 Agencies).
- Dip into the Ohio treasury to research and develop so-called 'advanced' nuclear reactors, as well as highly speculative nuclear waste treatment and "recycling", which have been disasters wherever in the world they have been tried. No results are required for this public investment.

In addition:

- There is no mechanism for the public to know how much, how long, how often, and who and what exactly would be funded by Ohio's tax dollars.
- Most of the segment's mere 10 pages (same as in HB 434) are geared to making one tiny company the beneficiary of the new Authority.
- New nuclear power is four times the cost of wind and solar. No bargain for Ohioans.
- No other state has taken on such a measure, including liability and responsibility for cleanup of radioactive spills, accidents, and contamination during transportation.

Last and most important:

- Attaching this to the budget bill is improper and unconstitutional since no money has been appropriated for the Authority. See an outline of legal problems in [Attorney Terry Lodge's Opposition Testimony to HB 33](#).

See also the Ohio Nuclear Free Network's flier: [Ohio House Bill 434: 28 Opposition Points](#).

The Ohio Nuclear Free Network opposes HB 33 unless and until lines 57892 through 58193 are removed.

Sincerely,

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