

August 5, 2020

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor of Ohio  
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77 S. High Street, 30th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Robert Cupp  
Speaker of the House  
Riffe Center  
77 S. High St, 13th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Larry Obhof  
President of the Senate  
1 Capitol Square, 2nd Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Businesses Request Repeal of House Bill 6**

Dear Governor DeWine, President Obhof, Speaker Cupp, and Members of the Ohio Legislature:

As businesses, investors, trade associations, and employers in Ohio, we write to urge the immediate repeal of House Bill 6 in light of the disturbing and shocking allegations revealed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In doing so, we join the call of Governor Mike DeWine to repeal HB 6. Given the credible allegations of corruption leveled by the U.S. Attorney, a repeal of HB 6 will help restore public confidence and ensure the continued growth of Ohio's clean energy economy.

We also urge you to support a restoration of Ohio's clean energy standards and put the state back on a path toward a clean energy future.

Ohio's renewable energy and energy efficiency standards have helped businesses and their supply chains cut energy costs, hedge against fuel price volatility, and make progress toward their commitments to reduce emissions. Further, clean energy investments keep our organizations viable in an environment where shareholders and consumers increasingly value sustainability. The availability of clean energy resources is increasingly critical as we navigate a shifting economy and business model in the wake of COVID-19.

The dual public health and economic crises facing our state further highlight the need for clean energy programs. In 2018, prior to the passage of HB 6, almost 82,000 Ohioans worked in the energy efficiency sector.<sup>1</sup> While COVID-19 has significantly harmed the industry, the uncertainty caused by HB 6 could irrevocably damage the state's economy by permanently jeopardizing tens of thousands of these jobs.

Prior to the passage of HB 6, ratepayers saved hundreds of millions of dollars each year on their utility bills and were on track to save more than \$5 billion by 2020.<sup>2</sup> In the past, these savings were reinvested back into the local economy and our operations, which helped us retain employees, invest in our supply chains, and plan for the future. With the implementation of HB 6, these savings and reinvestment opportunities would no longer exist.

Ohio faces unprecedented unemployment and continuing uncertainty over public health. Building a clean energy future may seem far off from the immediate challenges facing the state today. But, as we have seen since the start

<sup>1</sup> *Energy Efficiency Jobs in America 2019*. E4theFuture and E2. September 2019. [e4thefuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Energy-Efficiency-Jobs-in-America-2019.pdf](https://e4thefuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Energy-Efficiency-Jobs-in-America-2019.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Ohio's energy efficiency standard alone saved Ohio customers \$5.1 billion in energy bill savings from 2009-2017.

of the pandemic, the loss of clean energy and energy efficiency jobs has real implications for our economy. It is critical that the legislature immediately repeal HB 6 to restore confidence in the legislative process and put Ohio back on a path toward economic recovery.

We urge the immediate repeal of HB 6 in order to restore public confidence and ensure the continued growth of Ohio's clean energy economy. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you to rebuild Ohio's economy.

Sincerely,

2G Energy, Inc.	Integral Power
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Ameresco, Inc.	JLL
Anax Power	Kanin Energy
Ball Corporation	Melink
Building Performance Association	Midwest Cogeneration Association
Burton	National Association of Energy Service Companies
Capstone Turbine Corporation	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
CEM Engineering	North American Insulation Manufacturers Association
Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy	Nestlé
Clif Bar	NuGen LED Solutions
Combined Heat and Power Alliance	Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Cree Lighting	Primary Energy
DE Solutions	Proctor Engineering Group
Energy Dynamics Group	Reclim
Energy Management Solutions, Inc.	Schneider Electric
Facebook	Solar Turbines, Inc.
Friends Fiduciary	Sustainable Energy Services, Inc.
General Mills	Talan Products, Inc.
H. Ertel, Inc.	Terrapin Geothermics
Heat is Power Association	Trillium Asset Management
Henry F. Teichmann, Inc.	Uplight
IKEA Retail U.S.	YellowLite
Imagine Baking, Inc.	

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