



To: Speaker Householder and House Leadership
From: Ohio Steel Council
Re: Sub House Bill 6
Date: May 10, 2019
CC: House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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The members of the Ohio Steel Council (OSC) have been studying the changes to House Bill 6 that are contained within the current sub bill and would like to share our views on some of the key issues contained therein. OSC's membership consists of the largest users of electricity in Ohio. Our companies will be significantly impacted by any changes made to Ohio law as it pertains to energy, and therefore we write to you today to share our views as an extremely interested party.

Policies of the legislation that the Ohio Steel Council Supports:

- 1) **A fixed monthly customer charge** – Certainty in our members' electricity rates is something we fight for constantly. We applaud the sponsors of this legislation for recognizing how important it is for large users to avoid surprises in their bill.
- 2) **Protecting customers from renewable mandate legacy costs** – There is no way to know the total cost impacts of contracts previously entered into by the utilities. This bill, as currently written, effectively eliminates the additional charges that would have resulted otherwise.
- 3) **Elimination of the Renewable Portfolio Standard** – All of our members currently pay the RPS, and current law would have this charge continue to increase in the coming years. This legislation eliminates this charge, which has averaged over \$50 million per year over the last four years.
- 4) **More supply is good for customers** – The nuclear units in Ohio produce 2100MW of generation and provide power 24/7/365. Maintaining that generation in Ohio is a net positive and with all things equal, more supply means lower prices.

We would like to continue to work to make improvements to this legislation and to serve as a resource for any needs you may have. Some of our individual members may reach out to work on a few other issues of concern to them. We thank you all for your time and effort on this very complex subject and look forward to working with you to continue to improve the legislation.

About The Ohio Steel Council: Comprised of steel producers, processors and suppliers, the Ohio Steel Council serves as the voice of the steel industry in Ohio. By promoting the benefits of a healthy steel sector, the Council strives to educate key constituents about the industry's overall importance and significant economic impact. A participant in the legislative process, the Ohio Steel Council provides insight on policy issues, including their potential effects on Ohio's steel industry and the state's economy. Additional information about the Ohio Steel Council is available at www.ohiosteel.org.