



June 27, 2019

The Honorable Larry Obhof
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear President Obhof,

Philanthropy Ohio's members are strong partners and co-investors with the state in improving the health and well-being of all Ohioans. Each year, Ohio's foundations provide more than \$1.4 billion in grants to across a wide array of topics, including economic and workforce development efforts that improve the lives of Ohioans. I know you are very familiar with the important work community foundations in your district do and appreciate your support for their efforts. I am writing to respond to Substitute House Bill 6, specifically changes to Ohio's Renewable Portfolio Standard and Energy Efficiency Standard.

We believe, if enacted, it would create health risks to Ohio's communities – especially our most vulnerable – and would likely regress Ohio's potential in becoming a leading state with robust renewable portfolio standards and energy efficiency resource standards. Investment in renewable energy has delivered more than \$1 billion of business investment to Ohio and with that a strong workforce in clean energy. By passing this bill, we are putting the more than 80,000 jobs at risk – with real impact to people employed in the energy efficiency sector -- and dealing a blow to Ohio's economy.

Please consider these consequences in your final stages of deliberations with Sub House Bill 6. Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to our state.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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