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The Honorable Bill Seitz
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square, Room
Columbus, OH 43215

More complete fabrications
from people with zero
credibility.

Re: Senate Bill 58, OSU Study on Rates (2.0)

Dear Senator Seitz:

We write to share an important update to The Ohio State University study Ohio Advanced Energy Economy commissioned regarding Senate Bill 58 and its likely impact to Ohio ratepayers of all customer classes. Recall on September 25, we released this study based on media reports in which you described provisions of your anticipated substitute bill. Since the advanced energy and energy efficiency industries were systematically excluded from the drafting process, this was the best we could do at the time.

However, having now had the opportunity to review its provisions in detail, we can report that the results are worse for ratepayers than we initially thought. The Ohio State University Study (version 2.0) finds that the bill is a massive giveaway to Ohio utilities, and would cost consumers almost \$4 billion between now and 2025. The study also finds the standards have already saved Ohioans 1.4% on their electric bills. In short, the current policy is working, and the substitute bill would significantly drive up electricity costs.

No study is ever going to be perfect, and we fully expect bill proponents to quibble with assumptions and details. But we would note this simple, undeniable fact: The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, the Ohio Hospital Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Ohio Consumers Counsel all oppose the bill as being bad for ratepayers. These are widely respected, reputable energy consumers' representatives. And in the face of this opposition, the proponents have not provided a single study showing any ratepayer savings under the bill. If this bill is good for ratepayers, why do those groups oppose it?

To date, not a single Ohio utility has testified in open committee about the bill's rate impact or provided an analysis of its effect on ratepayers. Not one.

We urge members of the Senate to review the study in full and to vote against Substitute SB 58. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Ford
President & CEO, Ohio Advanced Energy Economy