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Good Evening Commissioner Cirino,

Attached is draft testimony for your review and comment. The House Energy Committee Proponent Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 am, on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. With (9) Proponent witnesses scheduled to testify, we expect the hearing to run through late afternoon.

Please let me know if there are any edits we need to make to your testimony.

Thank you.

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## **DRAFT Testimony of Lake County Commissioner Jerry Cirino**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today to address the important legislation to ensure that nuclear power can maintain its vital role as a reliable, resilient, clean-energy solution for Ohio. I am Jerry Cirino, Commissioner President of Lake County, Ohio, where the Perry Nuclear Generating Station is located in Perry, Ohio.

I am proud to serve a diverse community of residents, with a growing population of over 230,000, who embrace the region as their home with pride, as have generations before them. Lake County boasts a strong labor force and economic capital with an unemployment rate of 5.2%, and a median household income higher than the United States national average at \$60,000. Lake County has many positive attributes and we must use these attributes, including the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, to attract and retain businesses in our community and state.

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children will be removed from our school districts, and there will be a loss in local community revenue for small and medium-sized businesses. We will be creating a ghost town.

The annual vendor spending by the Perry nuclear plant is estimated to be approximately \$64 million in Lake County alone. If the Perry Nuclear Power Plant prematurely closes its doors, the Ohio state government will have to make up for the compounding shortfalls in Lake County's budget for services and benefits that our communities consider essential and rely upon. The economic prosperity and opportunity that citizens and working families of Lake County have experienced for an extended period will be severely undermined.

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Thank you.



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Hello Everyone,

Attached please find the following information related to the Electric Generation Subcommittee hearing on Wednesday, April 17th:

1. Order of Proponent Hearing Witnesses
2. Location of Roetzel & Andress Offices & Parking – the offices are open from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm for our Proponent Witnesses
3. Members of the Electric Generation Subcommittee & Hearing Announcement

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call me.

Thanks so much for your continued support.

Murphy

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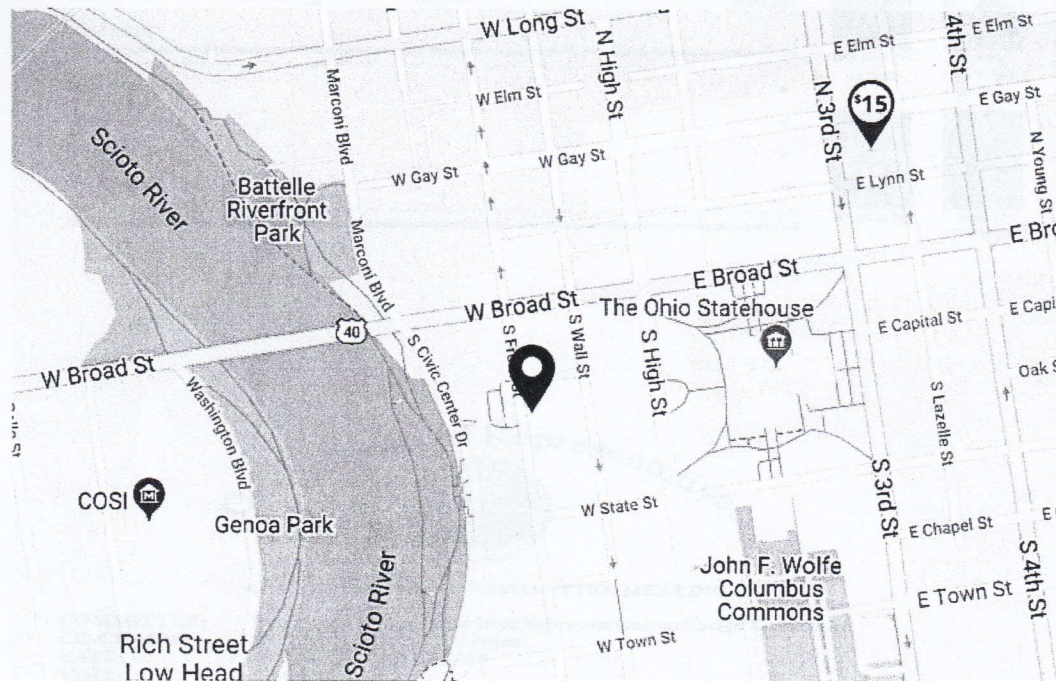


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### ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY GENERATION

#### SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Agenda
April 17, 2019	09:00 AM	Room 121	<a href="#">Download</a>

#### HEARINGS

March 26, 2019	▼
March 19, 2019	▼
March 12, 2019	▼
February 12, 2019	▼

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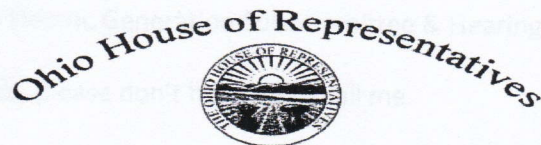
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#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**COMMITTEE:** Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy Generation  
**CO-CHAIRS:** Dick Stein, Michael J. O'Brien  
**DATE:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**ROOM:** Room 121

#### AGENDA

BILL	SPONSOR	TITLE	STATUS
HB 6	Rep Callender, Rep Wilkin	Creates Ohio Clean Air Program	1st Hearing Pending Referral Proponent

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**Cc:** Christopher Curry; Juan Cespedes; Griffing, David L.  
**Subject:** Energy Generation Subcommittee Hearing - Wed 4/17

Hello Everyone,

Chris Curry – Dewey Square, will be sending you your final written testimony for the Energy Generation Subcommittee Hearing tomorrow. Your testimony will be filed with Chairman Dick Stein this evening and then downloaded to the iPads of the (5) committee members in the morning. We will have hardcopies of your testimony to distribute to the committee in the unlikely event the technology fails.

For most of you I would suggest going directly to the State House Meeting Room 121. Our team plans to depart from Roetzel & Andress at 8:30 AM for the 9:00 AM hearing and remain there all day.

Reminder – For those of you traveling directly to the State House:

*If you park at the statehouse in the underground parking garage signage is good. Look for the statehouse signs. Then once inside find the rotunda. There are guards and posted guides at information desks all over. It is in the main statehouse building under the house chamber on the first floor. Look for the highway patrol security at the side door of the statehouse to identify the house side. Look for room 121. The doors are all marked. Should be fairly easy to find or ask the patrol.*

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. When you arrive at the State House, please send me a text message.

Thanks again and safe travels.

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#### General Submissions :

Subject	Description	Document
Minutes_3-26-2019	Minutes_3-26-2019	<a href="#">Download</a>

Bill	Status	Amendments	Fiscal Notes	Analysis
<a href="#">H. B. No. 6</a>	1st Hearing	—	<a href="#">Download</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>
Witness	Organization	Stance		Document
Ilene Shapiro	Summit County	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Dave Griffing	FirstEnergy Solutions	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Dean Murphy	Brattle Group	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Maria Korsnic	Nuclear Energy Institute	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Jerry Cirino	Lake County	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Michael Joyce	Orrvilon Inc.	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Terry Joyce	Laborer's Local 310	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Jamie Beier Grant	Ottawa County Improvement Corporation	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Cajon Keeton	Bennett Carroll Salem School District	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
Vince Campise	Buckeye Power Sales	Proponent		<a href="#">Download</a>
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