

SB 58: Sample Letter to Policymakers

[ON YOUR COMPANY'S COMPANY LETTERHEAD]

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[Name]

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Dear [Name]:

I am writing to express my deep concerns about Senate Bill 58 (SB 58), which proposes to overhaul Ohio's energy efficiency policy, standards and requirements.

Energy efficiency is a valuable low-cost strategy for controlling energy costs and protecting energy consumers from supply constraints and price volatility. Current Ohio law on this issue is effectively incentivizing the deployment of energy efficiency projects across the state and, as a result, customers are saving money on their electric bills. Independent studies show that the direct and indirect financial benefits of the current state requirements for energy efficiency outweigh the costs customers pay through energy efficiency riders on their electric bills.

SB 58 would weaken Ohio's existing energy efficiency standards and lead to less efficiency, not more. The bill overcompensates utilities with excessively high profits that far exceed utility cost recovery for energy efficiency programs in other states, while eliminating important consumer protections. The bill also limits utilities' ability to continue to bid energy efficiency into regional auctions and suppress wholesale electricity prices. As a result, SB 58 could wipe out up to \$2.5 billion in projected savings from energy efficiency and increase electricity costs for manufacturers for years to come – even as utilities would be compensated at unprecedented and unjustified levels.

I respectfully urge you to oppose SB 58, which in its current form would be anti-competitive for Ohio's manufacturers and, thus, harmful to Ohio's economy.

Sincerely,

[Name & Title]