



May 12, 2026

The Honorable Brian Chavez
Chairman
Ohio Senate Energy Committee
1 Capitol Square
Ground Floor, Room 034
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Ohio Oil and Gas Association Substitute House Bill 170 Written Proponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Chavez:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony for Substitute House Bill 170, on behalf of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA). OOGA is a 79-year-old statewide trade association representing both independent conventional producers and large independent horizontal operators exploring Ohio's shale play. OOGA membership also consists of midstream companies, large-scale transmission line companies, refineries, contractors, oilfield service and supply providers, manufacturers, gas utilities and various other professional entities.

Substitute House Bill 170 establishes a regulatory framework and much needed guardrails for carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) in the state of Ohio. It is important that Ohio establishes state-specific regulations to not only ensure the safety of Ohioans and our state's unique geology, but to also protect current production and industry related assets and to ensure that CCS has an economical and viable path forward in the state.

Substitute House Bill 170 outlines three major building blocks for the state to obtain primacy including pore space ownership, establishing a process for statutory consolidation and creating a framework for transferring liability. OOGA supports the new changes made to the fees structure in Substitute House Bill 170 including the \$50,000 deposit for the changes made to the administrative fees, statutory consolidation fee, the carbon dioxide storage fund infection fee and the addition of the local use fees. These fees will ensure that the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management has the appropriate financial resources to regulate this new industry as well as support the communities where this development will take place.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Energy Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony.

Sincerely,
Rob Brundrett
President