



Jan. 3, 2018

Governor John Kasich
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich,

On the anniversary of your veto of HB 554, the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency would like to thank you for your protection of Ohio's Energy Efficiency Resource Standard, which is of great importance to our businesses. The Alliance is a diverse coalition that includes representatives from the business, environmental, labor and contractor communities, including more than 100 electrical and sheet metal contractors in Ohio alone.

Your veto of HB554 sent a strong message that Ohio supports energy efficiency investment, innovation, and jobs. We commend your historic leadership on supporting a more diversified state energy portfolio, which will ultimately lead to an economically stronger Ohio.

We understand that the Ohio Senate is again considering a proposal (HB 114), which would erode the state's energy efficiency standard. HB 114 also unfairly creates special exemptions for larger energy customers, leaving small businesses and Ohio families to cover the costs. We are concerned that HB 114 could undermine Ohio's potential to lead on energy efficiency, resulting in lost economic opportunity for Ohio businesses.

Further, this issue has already been resolved. The mercantile exemption in HB 114 was originally proposed in SB 58 in 2013, and the industrial opt-out that was enacted by Senate Bill 310 in 2014 was actually the compromise to the original mercantile opt-out proposal. Unfortunately, the legislature continues its efforts to erode the standard even further.

Thank you again for your leadership in moving Ohio toward a clean energy future. We hope that you will continue your commitment to energy efficiency in 2018.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kefer, Executive Director
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