Due to the covid-19 pandemic, Girl Scout troop 45239 was meeting on Zoom at the end of 2020. They had recently become aware of the corruption surrounding House Bill 6, as well as the nuclear subsidies, and knowing that this was wrong, they decided to take action.

At the end of one meeting, the troop’s co-leader asked who would be free to stay afterwards to draft a letter to the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee. Three of the scouts could stay.

Together, they wrote their letter. It explained the corruption around HB 6 and what Ohio would look like if we did not act responsibly. It stated that clean energy was better for Ohio, in more ways than one. It asked them to please support the repeal of HB 6.

They got a response.

Two days later, Representative Cecil Thomas wrote back. He talked about how sometimes, we don’t win. But what matters is that we are trying. And if we keep it up, it is sure to make a change. He asked them to stay involved in this issue, and others.

Unfortunately, their testimony did not do the trick at that particular hearing. But the nuclear subsidies of HB 6 were repealed early the next year.
Chair Wilson, Co-Chair McColley, and Ranking Member Williams,

We are a girl scout troop of western Ohio. We care about the earth and all its living things. We want to help not only our generation but many generations to come. We care about stopping climate change, and we support the repeal of House Bill 6.

HB 6 was passed by cheating. A company paid bribes to Speaker Householder who used the money to buy votes for the law. That’s not how democracy is supposed to work. Please repeal the law to restore trust in Ohio’s government.

Think about your children. Do you want them to live in a polluted world where they would probably have a shorter life span, and are probably more vulnerable to disease? Clean energy is now cheaper than nuclear power and fossil fuels, and is a healthier choice for Ohio and our world.

Please repeal HB 6 and pass a better, fairer law that supports clean energy.

Thank you,
Luci, Audrey, Laurel, Lila, Fatima, Khadija, Lily
Girl Scout Troop 45239
Dear Luci, Audrey, Laurel, Lila, Fatima, Khadija, and Lily,

I wanted to thank you for the thoughtful testimony you submitted to the Energy and Public Utilities Committee regarding Senate Bill 346. You were quite the talk around the Statehouse!

I am always encouraged when I see the citizens advocating for policies, especially when it is young people like yourselves. Our planet will be in your hands one day, and if your testimony is any indication, it will be well taken care of. I urge you to stay involved in this issue and others at the local, state, and federal level. It can be tough and you may not always get those wins you want, but in the end it will be worth it.

Once the pandemic has passed and tours resume, I would love to host all of you down here at the Statehouse. I think you would find it fascinating. In the meantime, should you need anything from my office, don't hesitate to call at 614-466-5980.

Sincerely,

Cecil Thomas, State Senator, 9th District