



May 12, 2014

The Honorable William Batchelder  
Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**RE: Ohio Steel Council support for S.B. 310 – Written Testimony**

Dear Speaker Batchelder:

We are writing on behalf of the thousands of Ohioans employed by Ohio's steel industry manufacturers in support of Senate Bill 310 (SB 310).

Specifically, the Ohio Steel Council is confident that the SB 310 adoption of the "freeze" approach, to permit detailed evaluation, is a move in the right direction to correct the rising cost of mandates established in 2008 as part of Senate Bill 221. SB 310 as written would "freeze" renewable and electricity usage and peak demand reductions at the compliance amounts for 2014.

Without question, the "freeze" would prevent unnecessary costly mandates that could have a severe impact on steel manufacturing facilities in Ohio. The Ohio Steel Council is hopeful that SB 310 would allow for further study of the effects from SB 221, while revising the law to recognize the economic realities and make energy efficiency more achievable.

One area the Ohio Steel Council also supports is the provision to allow large industrial customers to opt-out of Energy Efficiency (EE) programs and riders. The Ohio Steel Council strongly supported this language as it was written in Senate Bill 58. We support the language included in SB 310 to allow the streamlined opt-out so that large industrial users have the opportunity to decide individually on participation.

The Ohio Steel Council would like to thank you for your interest and leadership in this critical issue. We ask for you to support SB 310. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Schulz".

Brenda Schulz  
Nucor Steel Marion, Inc.  
Chair, Ohio Steel Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Petrovich".

Emily Petrovich  
United States Steel Corporation  
Chair, Ohio Steel Council Government Affairs  
Committee

Cc: House Public Utilities Chairman, Peter Stautberg  
House Public Utilities Committee Members