

The Repeal of House Bill 6: Ohio's Corrupt Nuclear Bailout

In April of 2019, then-Speaker of the Ohio House Larry Householder outlined a sweeping energy bill that would bail out two nuclear power plants with taxpayer dollars. Dubbed the Clean Air Program, House Bill 6 had its first hearing on April 17, 2019 and became law on October 22, 2019.

Now, less than two years later, the nuclear bailout has been repudiated and repealed through House Bill 128, vindicating The Buckeye Institute's opposition to "any government bailout for any company in any industry at any time for any reason."

Buckeye's Leadership Helped Kill One of the Worst Examples of Crony Capitalism in Ohio's History



March 31, 2021

Governor DeWine signs House Bill 128, repealing the taxpayer-funded nuclear bailout with Buckeye's Robert Alt **saying**, "With the stroke of a pen, a substantial part of Ohio's two-year-long April Fools' Joke on taxpayers has finally come to an end."



February 9, 2021

In **testimony** to the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, Buckeye notes that "While Senate Bill 10 "does not repeal the bailouts or all that was wrong with House Bill 6," it does "repeal House Bill 6's egregious decoupling provisions" that "lock[ed]-in the highest possible cost to consumers" for FirstEnergy.



October 13, 2020

In **The Blade**, Buckeye tells readers that "dispensing billions of dollars of taxpayer-funded subsidies—for nuclear, coal, natural gas, or renewables—can corrupt good government and corrode the public's trust, as we saw with HB 6."



July 17, 2019

House Bill 6 Passes the Ohio Senate 19-12



February 23, 2021

In **testimony** to the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, Buckeye testifies that eliminating the "notoriously flawed" taxpayer-funded subsidies was an "important course correction" that would end one of the worst examples of crony capitalism.



December 10, 2020

On the eve of a rate increase that would increase the electric bills of Ohioans to fund the nuclear bailout, Buckeye **writes**, "It is time for Ohio policymakers to get out of the business of giving businesses taxpayer-funded subsidies. The gift they need to give...this holiday season is the end of energy subsidies for nuclear, coal, natural gas, and renewables."



September 1, 2020

Buckeye writes in **Crain's Cleveland Business** that "House Bill 6 and the public corruption charges brought against former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder... epitomize the problem of crony capitalism and corporate tax subsidies. Those subsidies—and corporate bailouts—must stop."



July 21, 2020

After the arrest of Speaker Larry Householder, Buckeye reiterates its opposition to taxpayer-funded corporate bailouts and **calls** on lawmakers to repeal House Bill 6 calling it "an ugly corporate bailout from the beginning."



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June 27, 2019

Buckeye's Robert Alt **lays out** The Buckeye Institute's position clearly. "Lest there be any misunderstanding...The Buckeye Institute strongly opposes any government (i.e. taxpayer) bailout for any company in any industry at any time for any reason."



May 29, 2019

House Bill 6 Passes the Ohio House 53-43



May 8, 2019

In **Renewables Mandate: A Drag on Ohio's Economy**, Buckeye demonstrates why taxpayer-funded subsidies are bad for Ohioans and bad for Ohio's economy.



April 17, 2019

House Bill 6 has its First Hearing



June 19, 2019

In **testimony** to the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, Buckeye tells lawmakers that "government interference and costly subsidies inevitably lead to higher costs and fewer jobs, making Ohio poorer and weaker."



May 14, 2019

Buckeye **writes** that "The nuclear subsidy proposal would cost Ohio families and businesses hundreds of millions of dollars per year, impede job creation, and perpetuate government-funded corporate welfare."



April 24, 2019

Buckeye's **testimony** before the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee outlines its long-held position on government subsidies. "The Buckeye Institute opposes government subsidies, pure and simple...using the power of government to disadvantage market competitors makes for bad public policy."

