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Now, less than two years later, the nuclear bailout has been repudiated and repealed through House Bill 128, vindicating The Buckeye Institute's opposition to "any government bailout for any company in any industry at any time for any reason."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

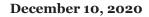


July 17, 2019

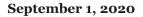
House Bill 6 Passes the Ohio Senate 19-12



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.



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."



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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