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Calling on Congress to Expedite Energy Production

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Chair Holmes, Vice Chair Mathews, Ranking Member Rader, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding **Ohio House Concurrent Resolution 35**.

My name is Greg R. Lawson. I am a senior research fellow at **The Buckeye Institute**, an independent research and educational institution—a think tank—whose mission is to advance free-market public policy in the states.

The United States is in a technological **cold war** with China in a fight to lead the world’s advanced computing and artificial intelligence revolution. The country that most effectively deploys computing power—and the massive data infrastructure behind it—will shape the global future of innovation, economic growth, and national security.

Ohio plays a key role in America’s strategic campaign. The state continues to attract new advanced manufacturing firms, cloud computing companies, semiconductor plants, and digital storage centers that contribute to the U.S. effort to maintain its technological advantage. As those industries come online and continue to mature, their insatiable demand for energy is outpacing current supply.

For energy companies to meet the rising industrial demand, energy policy must adapt to economic and strategic realities. As The Buckeye Institute and Americans for Prosperity explained in their joint report, **Better Energy Policy for Ohio**, “reliable and affordable energy is the backbone of a thriving modern economy,” and state and federal energy policies should therefore ease the regulatory burdens that put undue stress on that economic spine. Ohio **House Bill 15** and **Senate Bill 103** have taken great strides in the right direction, and House Concurrent Resolution 35 represents the logical next step: calling on Congress to modernize and streamline **federal regulatory policies** so that energy infrastructure, including power generation facilities, pipelines, and transmission lines, can be built promptly in accordance with reasonable environmental safeguards.

As Ohio does its part to help win a defining geopolitical contest, its households, businesses, and new technology centers require adequate, affordable energy. Their growth, prosperity, and national security depend on it. The General Assembly has made it easier for power suppliers to build, network, and transmit energy. And now Congress must do the same and remove federal impediments to energy production and infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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