OHIO LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION:

Call your Ohio legislators to vote for HB 351 to stop charging all Ohioans for obsolete, inefficient, polluting coal plants. Ask them to end utility charges that unjustly burden low-income Ohioans.

The repeal of bribery-stained House Bill 6 is incomplete without a full repeal of the bailout for two 1950’s-era coal plants—Kyger Creek in Ohio and Clifty Creek in Indiana. Ohio households are paying extra every month to generate $85 million in annual subsidies to prop up 1950’s-era obsolete coal plants. The coal plant subsidies hit especially hard on low-income Ohioans who struggle to pay rent and utility bills. Contact your representative https://ohiohouse.gov to vote in favor of HB 351 by using the “Who Represents Me” function to find your representative’s name, phone number, and email. Ohioans shouldn’t be paying $85 million extra each year to coal plants that:

- produce high levels of pollution with negative health consequences
- emitted 26 million tons (each year) of greenhouse gas into a warming atmosphere
- deliver electricity that is more expensive than the market rate
- are not required to meet electric demand
- Produce electric that is increasingly more expensive than renewable energy
- Will stay in operation through 2030 unless repealed

To protect the air we breathe and local environment, the legislature should pass HB 351 (SB 117) to eliminate the corrupt practices and refund money already collected. Ohio HB 351 has bipartisan support, but it is being blocked by the Speaker of the House, Bob Cupp. HB 351, backed by Governor Mike DeWine, will repeal and refund the unjust charges that overly burden low-income electric consumers. Representatives keep track of all contacts. It is very helpful to let your Representative know how you feel on this important issue, and their responsibility to care for our environment and future generations. If you telephone, a staff member will answer the call, or you will be placed in voice mail. Please indicate that you favor passage of HB 351 to repeal the unjust coal subsidies that are still in effect. You can also include any of the reasons for passage that you feel are most compelling. Thank you for your action.

You can also tag your legislator in your social media post by adding @HarazGhanbari and their first and last name, like @ or their Twitter handle if you can find it on their Contact page, as in @SpeakerCupp or @JessicaEMiranda