

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of the Political)
and Charitable Spending by Ohio Edison)
Company, The Cleveland Electric) Case No. 20-1502-EL-UNC
Illuminating Company, and The Toledo)
Edison Company.)

REPLY COMMENTS OF THE OHIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

The Ohio Hospital Association (“OHA”) remains concerned with the ongoing revelations involving FirstEnergy’s alleged misuse of ratepayer dollars. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO” or Commission”) should be diligent and meticulous in unraveling the truth. The Commission should take advantage of the regulatory tools available to it to ensure that no ratepayer dollars were improperly used. OHA agrees with the Ohio Manufacturers’ Association Energy Group’s (“OMAEG”) initial comments that FirstEnergy’s response to the show cause entry, Mr. Fannelli’s affidavit, is deficient.¹ Therefore, OHA concurs with OMAEG that a full evidentiary hearing is necessary to determine if ratepayer funds were misused.² OHA also agrees with the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel’s (“OCC”) comments that the Commission’s reliance on FirstEnergy’s self-reporting to the show cause entry doesn’t provide adequate consumer protections.³ The Commission’s limited review does not provide a full picture of what really occurred potentially with ratepayer dollars in connection with House Bill 6 political or charitable spending. To protect consumers, the Commission should conduct a full evidentiary hearing to provide for greater transparency.

¹ Pg. 11 of OMAEG Initial Comments

² Pg. 22 of OMAEG Initial Comments

³ Pg. 3 of OCC Initial Comments

The Commission has the ability to protect FirstEnergy customers from misconduct and misuse. OHA requests that the Commission to cast a wider net of investigations into FirstEnergy's activities, including a full evidentiary hearing, so the Commission truly understands the inner workings of what occurred in connection with the House Bill 6 scandal.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Comments was served upon the parties of record listed below this 14th day of December 2021 *via* electronic mail.



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