



Transitioning Ohio to a clean energy economy is a moral necessity, and there is no time to waste. We have a sacred duty to one another, and to our children, to care for God’s creation and protect it for future generations. It is time for Ohio to move past the debate over clean energy standards once and for all, and address Ohio’s overwhelming potential to develop an innovative, comprehensive energy strategy which moves us toward a Clean Energy Future.

Clean energy is a moral issue.

The Earth belongs to God, not to us. The sacred texts of all our faiths call us to care for creation, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. That means leaving a sustainable world for our children and grandchildren, and protecting the poorest among us from the devastation of climate change.

The floods, storms, droughts and other extreme impacts of climate change hit the most vulnerable among us hardest. Every day that we fail to take action puts our families and the least among us at greater risk.

Clean energy makes economic sense for Ohio families.

Ohioans are already working at thousands of clean energy businesses. These are the jobs of the future that will put food on the table for more and more working families — keeping the clean energy standard strong will help create more jobs. And by helping houses of worship transition affordably to clean energy, we can lead by example in our own places of worship and encourage others to do likewise.

Transitioning to clean energy is practical and achievable. The cost of solar power is plummeting -- it’s already 80% cheaper than in 2008, and wind and solar prices will keep falling. Keeping the clean energy standard strong can kick the transition to 50% clean energy by 2030 into high gear. This will create more jobs, lower energy costs for families and businesses, spur innovation, and drive our country’s economic growth.

Ohio’s faith communities are here today to ask you to do the moral and right thing to protect this sacred Earthly home that we all share, and indeed is the only home we and our grandchildren have now and in the future.

We have an obligation to address the moral issues of our time—and creating a just, sustainable future for all is a moral imperative.

Please support SB 188 and fix the Wind Set Back problem which keeps Ohioans from moving forward with clean energy jobs and clean energy produced right here in Ohio.

We must take commonsense steps to be good stewards of the land and limit the harmful carbon pollution that fuels climate change and threatens the health of our communities.

Do not support HB 114 as it will only undermine and weaken Ohioans access to Clean affordable energy.

Do not support SB 155 and SB 128 as they only serve to continue to hold Ohioans hostage to depending on outdated and costly coal and nuclear power.

We have a moral obligation to act. Communities all over America are already being harmed. We need to move forward with clean energy and energy efficiency.