



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

August 6, 2026

The Honorable Kristina Roegner
Ohio Senator, District 27
1 Capital Square
First Floor 142, Senate Building
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Roegner:

The City of Kent is writing to express its strong support for enacting Senate Bill (SB) 298, which will expand virtual net metering options for residents and commercial entities operating in the Kent community. SB 298 encourages aggregation of energy users across multiple facilities through virtual net metering. Such an innovative approach to energy delivery will increase the number of producers entering the energy market, resulting in greater competition that will reduce costs for end users and further Ohio's commitment to supporting programs that promote greater economic development.

The expansion of virtual net metering opportunities through the adoption of SB 298 will enable Kent to move forward with the installation of a proposed solar array on a 17-acre brownfield site. The scope of the remediation needed on the site has made its future redevelopment, in support of an end use requiring on-site employees, challenging. Ohio's current laws allow for net metering only on properties that physically abut solar array locations, further limiting the financial viability of redeveloping this brownfield site. Passage of SB 298 will eliminate these concerns and greatly improve Kent's ability to redevelop the property and increase energy supplier options in the region.

As Ohio works to address rising electricity demand and increasing pressure on energy prices, it is imperative that Ohio's policymakers support legislation that allows for remote power generation through virtual net metering. Virtual net metering will increase the number of energy producers in the State resulting in greater consumer choice, promote the redevelopment of more brownfield sites, and encourage economic development by enabling improved energy grid reliability and speed which are a must for attracting new businesses and keeping Ohio competitive in an ever-evolving economy.

Thank you for all you do for the City of Kent and your consideration of SB 298. Your support of this critical legislation will continue the great work you do for District 27.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Amrhein", is written over a horizontal line.

Jack Amrhein
Honorable Mayor

On behalf of the Members of Kent City Council

Melissa Celko	Eric Dreger	Robin Turner	Chris Hook	Heidi Schaffer Bish	Jeff Clapper	Benjamin Tipton	Tracy Wallach	Sarah Wesley
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