



#### **TOPLINE:**

- The energy petition is a proposed ballot issue that would take \$87,000,000 out of the city's general fund and give it a secretive group formed out-of-state.

#### **WHAT IT DOES:**

- The energy petition would require immediate cuts of \$87,000,000 to workers and city services.
- Due to the City's funding structure, it would also cause funding cuts from the capital budget, which means no new street resurfacing, sidewalks, streetlights, or firetrucks in 2022.
- This group, Pro Energy Ohio, LLC, wants to deposit our money out of state and would control how most of the money spent.
- The City Attorney said the issue is so vague, it's difficult to know where the money could go.
- Last fall, Columbus voters overwhelmingly passed a clean energy aggregation program which positions Columbus as a national leader on clean energy issues.

#### **WHO IS BEHIND IT?**

- The head of Pro Energy Ohio, LLC, John Clarke, has created a dozen apparent shell corporations in Ohio, all of which were shut down by the Ohio Department of Taxation.
- Clarke has been indicted for campaign finance violations relating to this ballot issue.
- The people behind this petition have no business controlling city resources. Together, they have over 90 civil and criminal cases in Franklin County – ranging from not paying their city and state taxes to foreclosures, evictions, and liens.

#### **WILL IT BE ON THE BALLOT?**

- While Council originally voted not to put it on the ballot, a recent Ohio Supreme Court ruling forced Council's hands in placing the issue before voters
- Council then voted to place the issue on the November ballot.