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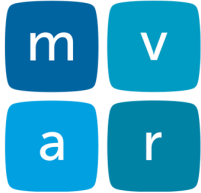
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**“Bailout” — v. 02 —LCV Victory Fund OH09— :30 sec TV**

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<p>Open with video of Derek Merrin walking in legislative office building. <a href="#">CLIP</a></p> <p>Text in style of a classified document or investigative report: <b>How Derek Merrin Is costing you...</b></p> <p>Roll news clip.</p>	<p>[Narrator] <b>How Derek Merrin is costing you...</b></p>	<p><b>Derek Merrin, in July 2019, voted for House Bill 6, a “\$1.3 billion bailout to companies like FirstEnergy” that “had Ohioans paying for fossil fuel power plants,” a “monthly surcharge estimated between to be “85 cents [...] to \$2,400” for “every Ohio electricity customer.”</b></p> <p>On July 23, 2019, Derek Merrin voted for House Bill 6. (Ohio Legislature, <a href="#">07/23/19</a>)</p> <p>“After 14 weeks of legislative negotiations, intense lobbying, and a deluge of ads, Ohio lawmakers on Tuesday gave final approval to legislation to subsidize nuclear and coal power plants with millions of dollars from the public and effectively gut the state’s green-energy mandates for utilities. House Bill 6, which passed 51-38, was quickly signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine on Tuesday afternoon. Under the bill, from 2021 until 2027, every Ohio electricity customer would have to pay a new monthly surcharge that ranges from 85 cents for residential customers to \$2,400 for large industrial plants. Starting next January, ratepayers around the state would also have to chip in up to \$1.50 monthly (and up to \$1,500 per month for commercial and industrial users) to subsidize coal plants in Ohio and Indiana run by the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.” (<i>Cleveland.com</i>, <a href="#">07/23/19</a>)</p> <p>“Ohio pays anywhere from \$230-280,000 per day due to the controversial bill, Pepper added. Federal prosecutors say the \$1.3 billion bailout to companies like FirstEnergy raised electricity rates and had Ohioans paying for fossil fuel power plants.” (<i>Ohio Capitol Journal</i>, <a href="#">08/23/22</a>)</p>
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<p>FirstEnergy Funneled \$60 Million ... In Exchange for a \$1.3 Billion Bailout ... Ohio Consumers Footing That Bill</p>	<p>[WKYC <a href="#">Clip</a>] “The biggest public corruption scandal in Ohio history ... FirstEnergy funneled sixty million dollars ... in  exchange for ... a billion-dollar ... bailout ... and Ohio consumers are footing that bill.” (12.2s)</p>	<p><b>WKYC: “a federal judge sentenced former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder to twenty years in prison for bribery and racketeering [...] Householder got the maximum sentence, as allowed by law, for orchestrating a sixty million bribery scheme that is considered the biggest public corruption scandal in Ohio history. Householder was convicted in March of racketeering conspiracy, in which FirstEnergy funneled sixty million dollars to him and his allies in exchange for passing a \$1.3 billion-dollar nuclear plant bailout, also known as House Bill 6. And Ohio consumers are footing that bill, it’s why prosecutors called the punishment ‘Justice for Ohioans.’”</b></p> <p>WKYC clip: “Well this afternoon, a federal judge sentenced former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder to twenty years in prison for bribery and racketeering. Lynna Lai is with us now in the newsroom, she has the very latest for us. As we look ahead to what’s going to happen from this point on, Lena. Lynna: Householder got the maximum sentence, as allowed by law, for orchestrating a sixty million bribery scheme that is considered the biggest public corruption scandal in Ohio history. Householder was convicted in March of racketeering conspiracy, in which FirstEnergy funneled sixty million dollars to him and his allies in exchange for passing a \$1.3 billion dollar nuclear plant bailout, also known as House Bill 6. And Ohio consumers are footing that bill, it’s why prosecutors called the punishment ‘Justice for Ohioans.’” (WKYC, <a href="#">06/29/23</a>)</p>
<p>Series of photos of Merrin that appear to be investigative photographs taken at a distance with subtle camera overlays. <b>Derek Merrin Took Money From FirstEnergy And Their Allies</b></p>	<p><b>Derek Merrin took their money</b> ... <b>and voted for FirstEnergy’s bailout.</b></p>	<p><b>Derek Merrin took in \$1,500 from FirstEnergy Corp.</b></p> <p>On October 31, 2016, Derek Merrin accepted \$1,000 from FirstEnergy Corp. (Open Secrets, accessed <a href="#">09/16/24</a>)</p> <p>On June 29, 2017, Derek Merrin accepted \$500 from FirstEnergy Corp. (Open Secrets, accessed <a href="#">09/16/24</a>)</p> <p><b>Derek Merrin, in July 2019, voted for House Bill 6, a “\$1.3 billion bailout to companies like FirstEnergy” that “had Ohioans paying for fossil fuel power plants,” a “monthly</b></p>



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<p>Voted For FirstEnergy's Bailout <i>Ohio Secretary of State, File Transfer Page,</i> accessed <a href="#">1/23/24</a> <i>H.B. 6, <a href="#">7/23/19</a></i></p> <p>Roll news clips.</p>		<p><b>surcharge estimated between to be “85 cents [...] to \$2,400” for “every Ohio electricity customer.”</b></p> <p>On July 23, 2019, Derek Merrin voted for House Bill 6. (Ohio Legislature, <a href="#">07/23/19</a>)</p> <p>“After 14 weeks of legislative negotiations, intense lobbying, and a deluge of ads, Ohio lawmakers on Tuesday gave final approval to legislation to subsidize nuclear and coal power plants with millions of dollars from the public and effectively gut the state’s green-energy mandates for utilities. House Bill 6, which passed 51-38, was quickly signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine on Tuesday afternoon. Under the bill, from 2021 until 2027, every Ohio electricity customer would have to pay a new monthly surcharge that ranges from 85 cents for residential customers to \$2,400 for large industrial plants. Starting next January, ratepayers around the state would also have to chip in up to \$1.50 monthly (and up to \$1,500 per month for commercial and industrial users) to subsidize coal plants in Ohio and Indiana run by the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.” (<i>Cleveland.com</i>, <a href="#">07/23/19</a>)</p> <p>“Ohio pays anywhere from \$230-280,000 per day due to the controversial bill, Pepper added. Federal prosecutors say the \$1.3 billion bailout to companies like FirstEnergy raised electricity rates and had Ohioans paying for fossil fuel power plants.” (<i>Ohio Capitol Journal</i>, <a href="#">08/23/22</a>)</p> <p><b>2018: Larry Householder Was Derek Merrin’s Largest Campaign Donor, Donating \$7,708 To His Campaign.</b></p> <p>“On the Republican side, Rep. Derek Merrin, of Monclova Township, is running against primary challenger Barbara Lang in the 47th District consisting of Lucas County’s western suburbs and most of Fulton County. Mr. Merrin raised \$47,673 with his largest contributions coming on behalf of House Speaker candidate Larry Householder (R., Glenford), whose campaign donated \$7,708.” [<i>Toledo Blade</i>, <a href="#">4/26/18</a>]</p>
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End with more footage of Merrin – in basement of legislative building. **Ohio can't afford more corruption. Stop Derek Merrin.**

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[WKYC [Clip](#)] "FirstEnergy's electricity rates are expected to double..." (3.14s)

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**WKYC: "The clock is ticking. FirstEnergy's electricity rates are expected to double in June" of 2023.**

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