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The New York Times
**Former Ohio Legislator Found
Guilty of Racketeering in
\$60 Million Scheme**
3/9/23

Akron Beacon Journal
**SEC sues ex-FirstEnergy CEO Jones;
conspiracy charge brought against him,
ex-exec Dowling**
9/13/24

HB6, Ohio's Biggest Corruption Scandal

In 2023, Former Speaker of the Ohio Larry Householder and former Chair of the Republican Party and political operative Matt Borges were found guilty of **racketeering and bribery**.

Householder and Borges received **maximum sentences** for their part in the successful **\$60 million scheme** by FirstEnergy and other utility companies to **buy seats and votes** in the Ohio House to secure passage of **House Bill 6** – a **billion dollar bailout** of failing nuclear and coal plants in Ohio and Indiana.

Others have been indicted in the massive and complex HB6 scandal, and the investigations continue. In 2024, FirstEnergy executives Chuck Jones and Mike Dowling were charged with bribery and engaging in corruption and as of January 2025 were still awaiting trial.

What You Can Do:



Tell your Ohio representatives to pass legislation to shine a light on dark money!



Larry Householder



Matt Borges

Why It Matters:

- ✓ As of January 2025, the total cost to rate payers for the coal plant subsidies is more than \$400 million.
- ✓ HB 6 left Ohio with the least stringent clean-energy program in the U.S.
- ✓ Ohio's lax campaign finance laws and lack of transparency allow interested parties to spend unlimited money on lobbying and in elections while keeping the public in the dark.



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House Bill 6 Scandal: By the Numbers



\$60 million

scheme by
FirstEnergy to
bailout aging
nuclear plants



\$1.5 billion

amount that
FirstEnergy expected
to receive as the
result of HB 6



\$4.3 million

amount FirstEnergy
admitted paying Sam
Randazzo, the former
chair of the Public
Utilities Commission



\$100 million

for FirstEnergy and
\$19 million
for AEP fines issued
by the SEC



\$230 million

fine that FirstEnergy
paid as part of its
deferred prosecution
agreement



\$3.9 million

fine that FirstEnergy
agreed to pay for lying
about its lobbying
activities



15 years since
the *Citizens
United* decision
opened the
floodgates to
corporate money
in elections

GUILTY

1 dark
money group
(Generation
Now) that
pleaded guilty



2 FirstEnergy
executives
awaiting trial



2 coal plants that are still
being subsidized due to
HB 6, one in Ohio and one
in Indiana

\$445,679 what
Ohioans pay per day to
subsidize coal plants



20 years
sentence Larry
Householder is
serving in federal
prison



0 bills
passed to shine a
light on dark money
or prevent this from
happening again

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