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**Interactive Roundtable:
Importance of Business & Industry
Involvement in the
Ohio Legislative &
Regulatory Process**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020
3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Biographical Information

**Representative Jamie Callender, Ohio House District 61
Chairman, Public Utilities Committee, Ohio House of Representatives
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State Representative Jamie Callender is currently serving his first term as state representative. He represents the 61st House District in the eastern portion of Lake County.

Rep. Callender has an extensive record of service to Lake County, volunteering with a variety of organizations and serving on several boards, including the Lake County Historical Society. He served as a trustee on the Mentor Public Library Board, where he worked to improve the library, making it more efficient and increasing circulation.

Callender previously served four two-year terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, earning accolades for his work ethic, his Republican leadership and his advocacy for Lake County. He received the NRA's Defender of the 2nd Amendment Award for his efforts to protect our constitutional rights and was a two-time winner of the Watchdog of the Treasury Award.

He was also widely regarded for his leadership for Ohio's schools. His efforts included work to improve academic achievement and improve school accountability while lessening the reliance on property taxes. He worked to increase parental involvement in the education of their children and worked to give low income families more options in the education of their children.

After growing up in Concord Township and graduating from Mentor High School, Rep. Callender received his undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University and earned his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Callender continues to practice law at a small law office in Lake County and has taught at Kent State University for more than 12 years.

**Representative Nino Vitale, Ohio House District 85
Chairman, House Energy & Natural Resources Committee
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State Representative Nino Vitale is serving his third term in the Ohio House. He represents the 85th District, which is comprised of Champaign County and portions of Logan and Shelby counties.

Vitale has more than 29 years of private-sector experience and works at his family business, Johnson Welded Products (JWP), which employs 500 individuals and manufactures heavy vehicle brake systems.

Previously, Vitale worked with companies like Apple Computer, Frigidaire, Wendy's International, Simonton Windows, and Limited Brands.

An 18-year resident of Champaign County, Vitale remains active in his community. He has served as vice president of Champaign County Right to Life, a Cub Scout leader and as an Ohio foster family. He is also an NRA pistol instructor and an active member of St. Mary's Church in Urbana.

Originally born in Cleveland, Ohio, where his family settled after emigrating from Italy, Vitale spent his younger years working in a factory and playing in a variety of bands as a drummer in the greater Cleveland area. Eventually he became the first in his family to graduate from college at The Ohio State University where he was a 4-year member of The Ohio State University Marching Band. Vitale is also an MBA Dean's List graduate.

Biographical Information

**Matthew Brakey, President
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Matt Brakey is President of Brakey Energy. Brakey Energy provides commission-free, comprehensive energy management services to scores of energy-intensive businesses and institutions that operate in the state of Ohio. Brakey Energy helps these users lower their energy costs through energy bill audits, electric generation and natural gas procurement, peak demand management, energy efficiency analysis, and managing regulatory issues.

Matt represents Brakey Energy's clients at meetings of the Industrial Energy Users of Ohio (IEU-Ohio), which works with regional, state, and national energy stakeholders with the aim of achieving reliable electricity at reasonable prices. Matt is currently Secretary Treasurer of IEU-Ohio and is a former chairman.

In addition to his client responsibilities, Matt has been retained as an expert witness in high-profile energy litigation. One such case, Schwebel Baking Company, et al. v. FirstEnergy Solutions Corp, recently received preliminary court approval of a \$12 million settlement. This class action lawsuit resulted from surcharges assessed to commercial and industrial customer electric bills relating to the 2014 polar vortex. Matt was the sole subject matter expert for plaintiffs.

Under Matt's leadership, Brakey Energy is a three-time winner of Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead 100 Upstart Award (for calendar years 2015, 2018, and 2019.) This prestigious award recognizes Northern Ohio businesses that have enjoyed outsized five-year growth. Matt has also been recognized by Crain's Cleveland Business as one of its "40 Under 40" award winners.

Matt holds a J.D. from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, having graduated cum laude, and a B.A. from Miami University. He currently resides in Cleveland Heights, Ohio with Carolyn, his wife, and their four-year-old twins. They are in the process of building a home in Novelty, Ohio.

In his spare time, Matt enjoys competitive running. He intends to make his second Boston Marathon qualifying attempt in mid-June. (His first attempt last fall did not quite go according to plan.) Matt will also be running in the Brakey Energy-sponsored 2019 Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon, which will take place on May 17. Matt plans to participate in the half marathon event.

Biographical Information

Renee Rambo-McEwen – Chairman, IEU-Ohio
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Renee holds three degrees from Youngstown State University, Associates in Drafting and Design, Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering Technology and Masters in Industrial Engineering. Over the course of her career she has held many leadership roles in the Automotive, Utility, and Steel industries. Renee has been an advocate for Energy Management for many years during her time at Vallourec and is responsible for the implementation of ISO50001, utility and energy relationships, billing/costs, strategies for sustainability and carbon emissions, curtailment programs, and other programs designed to minimize Vallourec's electricity costs. Renee is currently serving as Chairman for the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio.

Russ Lang, Corporate Manager, Energy – Americas
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Russ Lang started his career with Globe Metallurgical in 1992 as Staff Electrical Engineer for its Beverly, OH facility. His career was further expanded to include roles as Engineering and Maintenance Manager, Corporate Engineering Manager, and later as Energy Manager. His primary roles involved engineering, maintenance, energy, capital expenditures, and process technical support for all its US plants, as well as engineering due diligence of various company expansion plans.

Following a merger in 2015 in forming what is now Ferroglobe PLC, Russ oversees several hundred megawatts of utility contracts for Ferroglobe's – Americas operations consisting of five US plants as well as one in Canada and one in Argentina. Russ is active in several state-based industrial energy groups, including being the current Chairman of the West Virginia Energy Users Group.

Russ is a graduate of Ohio University with a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Jennifer Steiner-Burner, Manager, Energy Management,
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Jennifer Steiner-Burner is the Manager of Energy Supply for Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC) located in Findlay, Ohio. Primary responsibilities include managing the electricity procurement strategy for the company's refinery system, Speedway convenience stores, terminals, pipelines and various gas processing/NGL fractionation facilities. MPC's facilities span from the Coast to Coast. Jennifer has worked in MPC's Supply Chain organization for over 20 years. She has held elected positions as Vice Chairperson for the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers (KIUC), which is the industrial energy user group in Kentucky and was the Chairperson for the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE) user group in Michigan. She has also served on the executive boards for the Indiana and Ohio electricity user groups, along with the Federal Industrial Energy Consumers of America.

Jennifer joined MPC in 1985 and has a degree in Marketing and Business Administration from the University of Findlay. She is married and has teenage twins, Mack and Olivia.