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Grow from over 10,000 high quality jobs and consumption of 270 million kilowatt hours of electricity, plus over 400 Chamber members and a vibrant medical/educational service sector or flat line and stagnate. Work to achieve the **Governor's Strategic Plan for Higher Education and Economic Development-Job Growth-or the inability to meet the needs of our stakeholders-residents and the financial strength of our public educational facilities for job opportunities for their sons and daughters.**

I am a retired domestic and international business executive, born, raised and educated in Cleveland area, with a BSME and a MSEA, who has lived in Geauga County for over 40 years. Being involved with the Ohio Department of Development, a Japanese Joint Venture in Ohio and other Economic Initiatives. Currently, I volunteer for Kent State Geauga, Auburn Career Center and the Berkshire "Gauga County"-Community Master Plan-with planning initiatives for Economic Business Growth. Our Educational institutions are also aggressively working on the **Governor's and Chancellor's Ten Year Strategic Plan for Higher Education.** This **Strategic Plan** to be successful has a significant requirement for **Business Economic Development** to assist, train, retain and offer employment to Prospective and Non-Completers students. With higher technical skills and increase academic credentials.

Gauga County's Economic Development is now severally restricted by the lack of Quality and Reliable Power Supply-for Business Organic Growth and New Green Field Start up Companies. Companies, because of power issues, have suffered significant harm and economic disadvantages that severally discourage them from further Organic Growth or being a spokesman to encourage Business Development and Greenfield Start-ups.

There are some that are now proposing a third routing alternative to the Stacy transmission power line though a public park and bike path. **Time is of essence to complete a project supported by First Energy that is well planned, and Certify either the Preferred (cross country) route or the Alternate (Clay St.) route.** The choice of these routes offers the shortest completion times, and has the lowest impact on our residents. To serve the Majority and not the Minority. **The stakeholders can no longer be subjected to additional delays, with the probability of extended litigation over the use of the public park and with the risk of a legal decision that prohibits a power line through this area.** We have been waiting Eleven Years, and the power provider identities have expended and exhausted technical solutions to improve our power situation. We now need the Stacy Line, with urgency to meet the plans of our Governor, our business, economic, educational growth.

We encourage the Sitting Board to provide Certification for either the Stacy Power Line- Preferred or Alternate route.

Let us make a positive move forward for Ohio and Geauga County for our joint Planned Education and Economic Development future.

Sincerely, R.T. Warner

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