



## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

JOIN  
Joint Organization  
for Inner-City Needs  
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support to the "Partnership with Ohio" proposal. This proposal will assist our low income and vulnerable clients who come to our office seeking help with their utility bills.

In August, 2007, JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner City Needs) had 400 (four hundred) requests for utility assistance, and we were 70% (seventy) over budget.

In August, 2008, JOIN had 724 (seven hundred twenty four) requests and the need seems to be ever increasing.

JOIN could not maintain such a program without the assistance of AEP and the shareholder funded "Partnership with Ohio" proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Ruth Beckman*

Ruth Beckman  
Director

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