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Mr. Alan R. Schriber
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

April 20, 2010

Case Number: 10-388-EL-SSO

Dear Mr. Schriber:

It has come to my attention that Ohio Edison, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison recently filed a proposed electric security plan ("ESP") in the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Provisions within this plan pertain directly to the Cleveland Clinic, one of the top hospitals in the country and a primary economic force in our state and region. The provisions outline utility infrastructure upgrades which will enable Cleveland Clinic to proceed with a major expansion at its Main Campus location.

I cannot overstate the importance of Cleveland Clinic to the local and regional economies. Cleveland Clinic is the second largest employer in the state with over 40,000 Ohio based employees. The organization has made consistent investments in both its Main Campus and its various satellite locations. More importantly, the Clinic's continued investments create permanent jobs in areas that greatly need them.

Given the region's economic challenges, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Cleveland Clinic's expansion plans for a \$1.4 billion capital investment at the Main Campus within the City of Cleveland. This investment will generate more than 1,000 permanent jobs within the Cleveland Clinic and support hundreds of local construction jobs.

The Clinic's expansion requires alterations and modifications to the electrical plant, facilities and equipment. The utility upgrades contained within the ESP will provide more reliable power to Cleveland Clinic and support the infrastructure necessary to continue technological advancements which enable world class care.

I ask for your careful consideration of ESP provisions relating to Cleveland Clinic and the impact this investment will have on the citizens of our region.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boyd
State Representative
Ohio House—District 9

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