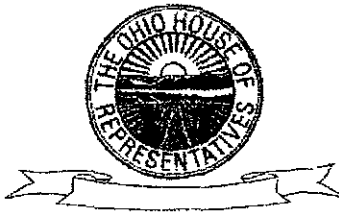


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**Michael Stinziano**  
State Representative

February 21, 2012

Todd A. Snitchler  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

I have been closely following the American Electric Power rate plan that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved late last year. Based on the impact felt by my constituents, I would strongly encourage you to take steps to address the AEP rate plan and ease the unfair burden placed on small businesses, local governments, and school districts.

As our economy continues to improve, the last thing we need are broadly impacting rate increases that will hit commerce, consumers, schools and local governments, possibly making our state a less attractive place to do business. The rate increase unfairly shifts the costs to small businesses, which are the backbone of Ohio's economy.

Recently we have seen positive indicators that show we are beginning to climb our way out of the economic downturn. The decision made by the PUCO places an unfair burden on small business which could cause some to close their doors thus stifling the recent economic growth.

In order to ensure that Ohio is positioned as an attractive place to locate and grow businesses we must prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. To achieve this end, I encourage you and the other commissioners, to work with my colleagues and I on the House Public Utilities Committee to achieve the reforms necessary to protect Ohio's small businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Stinziano".  
Michael Stinziano

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