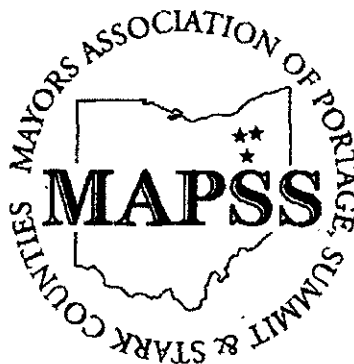


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November 14, 2014

The Honorable John Kasich  
Governor of Ohio  
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Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of the Mayors Association of Portage, Stark and Summit, I am writing you to let you know our mayors want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy and our region's quality of life in the years ahead.

As one of our region's largest energy providers, FirstEnergy will continue to play a key role in this effort while building on its longstanding support of economic growth in our community. However, the company has been challenged in recent years by regulatory issues and market pressures that have led to the closing of many of Ohio's largest power plants, and more retirements are expected. I'm concerned that these factors could drive up electricity prices and compromise the reliability of our service at a time when we're still recovering from a difficult economy.

We can't afford to wait on the sidelines for the market to react or the federal government to intervene. The time is now for Ohio to take action and secure our energy future.

That's why I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*, which will help keep future price increases in check while enabling Ohio to preserve its vital energy resources. FirstEnergy's plan also provides economic development funding to help our communities create jobs and attract new business growth.


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We truly appreciate FirstEnergy's hometown involvement and leadership on these important issues, and we hope you will support this solid plan for Ohio's energy future. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if your staff could docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (14-1297-EL-SSO).

Best regards,



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