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Subject: I support Powering Ohio's Progress

Dear Governor Kasich and Chairman Porter:

I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy and our region's quality of life in the years ahead.

That's why I'm writing in support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, Powering Ohio's Progress. The plan will help keep future price increases in check and preserve vital power plants in Ohio. It will also provide economic development funding to help our communities create jobs and attract new business growth.

FirstEnergy has done an outstanding job delivering reliable, affordable energy to our communities. However, power companies including FirstEnergy have been challenged in recent years by environmental regulations 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 utility bills and compromise the reliability of our electric 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.

I 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).

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