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PUCO Chairman Andre Porter
Dear Chairman Porter,

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I'm writing today to ask you to say no to FirstEnergy's request for the PUCO to authorize substantial, customer-funded subsidies to bail out its uneconomic power plants.

America's electricity landscape is shifting from dirty energy to cleaner alternatives and improved efficiency. Some utilities are embracing the change. But Ohio-based FirstEnergy is requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) authorize substantial, customer-funded subsidies to bail out its burdensome coal fleet. The proposed bailout would require Ohioans to buy a substantial portion of FirstEnergy's dirty and uneconomic coal-powered electricity. It would even force people who choose to buy clean energy to pay twice for power.

Please reject FirstEnergy's proposal and ensure full corporate separation, so that a utility can no longer cross-subsidize or favor its affiliate companies in order to block competition. Doing so would send a clear message to clean energy businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, and residents that Ohio is ready for a new era—one in which utility profits are not placed ahead of Ohioans' best interest and electricity is clean, reliable, and affordable.

Please reject FirstEnergy's request. It's what's right for Ohio's clean energy future.

Thank you,

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