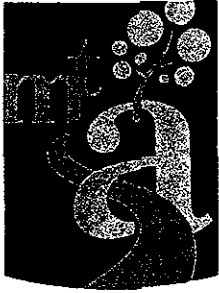


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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad St  
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Dear Commissioners,

On Monday, November 16, 2015 the Mt. Auburn Community Council heard a presentation from the Ohio Citizens' Action Committee regarding a campaign educating Ohio citizens about movements in our state which may negatively impact the environmental safety of many residents in our communities.

After hearing the presentation from the Ohio Citizens' Action Committee, the full Council was polled and the result is the attached resolution approved at that meeting.

Please know that as a Community Council we consider ourselves an integral part of a strategy to help our residents become aware and take action to protect themselves when necessary. Utility companies should not be allowed to punish our citizens by raising rates to pay environmental penalties which allow for continued infractions which are detrimental to our own healthy environment.

Please consider our voice and address our concerns.

Thank you for your attention.

Catherine D. Ingram  
Vice President, Mt. Auburn Community Council

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## RESOLUTION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO November, 16, 2015

Because Ohio has the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst air quality in the nation, partly due to how much coal we burn for electricity; and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas meets more of our electricity needs than ever and Ohio doesn't have as much energy-intensive manufacturing as when many existing coal plants were built; and

**WHEREAS**, fossil fuels are going to run out one day and a transition to cleaner, renewable energy is inevitable; and

**WHEREAS**, small particle pollution from burning coal contributes to cancer, heart disease, stroke and lower-respiratory diseases – 4 of the top 5 killers in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, asthma rates for both adults and children in Ohio are higher than the rest of the country; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Ohio's 3 largest utility companies – Duke, FirstEnergy, and AEP – 7 coal power plants and 1 nuclear plant might close without a consumer rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs saved customers \$1.03 billion from 2009 – 2013, and because the legislature froze those programs in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's investments in renewable energy created 33,000 jobs and then stalled due to the freeze on Ohio's renewable energy programs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That The Mt. Auburn Community Council in Cincinnati Ohio supports denial of a consumer bailout of coal and nuclear plants that might otherwise close; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mt. Auburn Community Council supports adoption of state policies that accelerate the transition toward greater energy efficiency and use of clean, renewable energy sources to positively impact the citizens of our community and the State of Ohio.