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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to ask that you quickly approve the state permit for the LEEDCO offshore wind energy project. Our company develops advanced technology for the offshore wind energy market. We believe there is a large potential for job and income growth for Ohio if LEEDCO Icebreaker is approved because it will be the foundation of a new emerging industry here. I worked for NASA in Cleveland for many years including in the 1980's when we led the world by developing the world's first multi-megawatt wind turbines. Unfortunately the government support for those efforts waned in 1990. The world market today for multi-megawatt wind turbines today is over \$100 Billion per year, mostly dominated by foreign wind turbine designs. Please don't let this happen again for offshore wind energy. Thank you for your consideration.

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