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October 3, 2012

Mr. Todd Snitchler, Chairman
 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
 180 E. Broad St.
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Atten: Docketing Case #12-1494-EL-AEC

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Allow me to take this opportunity to express my strong support for the economic investment proposal that is currently pending before the PUCO. I am speaking of course of ASHTA Chemicals proposed fifty-million dollar investment in new technology to retain and expand jobs in Ashtabula, Ohio.

As a fellow resident of northeastern Ohio, I am sure you are aware of the benefit of well-paying jobs in our part of the state. ASHTA Chemical spends more than eight million dollars a year in payroll and contributes more than a half a million dollars a year in taxes in support of our schools, hospitals, and local communities.

During these difficult times, as public officials, it is imperative that we do all that we can to encourage jobs and investment in our state. ASHTA's reasonable arrangement that the PUCO should approve does just that. Without this proposal, ASHTA may not move forward with its plans to upgrade its facility and invest in our region of Ohio.

Thus, I implore you and the PUCO to continue to support jobs in our state and to approve this proposal that is currently before the Commission. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns at 614-466-7182.

Sincerely,

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