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Mr. Todd Snitchler, Chairman
 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
 80 East Broad Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

I have recently learned that ASHTA Chemicals has filed for a reasonable arrangement with First Energy to ensure its long-term commitment to Ashtabula County and the State of Ohio. With over 100 employees who account for an annual payroll of more than \$8 million, ASHTA is one of the major employers in the area. In fact, ASHTA has committed that with the approval of this reasonable arrangement, ASHTA will expend approximately \$50 million in new capital investment to institute state of the art manufacturing technology and retain more than ninety full time well-paying jobs in our community.

With its corporate offices and manufacturing based in Ashtabula, in addition to the well-paying employment opportunities, ASHTA contributes nearly \$500,000 a year in taxes in support of our schools, hospitals, and local communities. It is my understanding that in order for ASHTA to continue to grow, maintain and modernize its manufacturing facility here in our town, a reasonable arrangement must be approved by the PUCO.

In these challenging economic times, it is critical that we work together to retain and create jobs wherever we can. As a representative of Ashtabula County, my deeply held concern is that without the approval of this proposal by the PUCO, ASHTA Chemicals simply will not invest in our region or our state and in turn make investment decisions elsewhere.

Thus, I hope that the PUCO would look favorably upon ASHTA's reasonable arrangement. The addition of forty million dollars in capital investment will provide substantial benefits for years to come to our region and our state. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Casey Kozlowski
 State Representative
 99th House District

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