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Dear Chairman Johnson:

Since 2012, Investor-owned utilities in Ohio have announced the retirement of over 5,500 MW of generation by mid-2015. The majority of these retirements were announced in response to several new regulations imposed by the EPA/ However, current market conditions are such that even plants that will be environmentally compliant and are equipped to run reliably for many more years may be forced to shutter for economic reasons. As a result, Ohio will be a large importer of energy for the foreseeable future.

One of those plants is Cardinal Unit 1 in Jefferson County, Ohio. This plant provides valuable employment and significant economic benefit to the communities I serve. Last year alone, this plant employed 350 people, bringing in more than \$25,133,600.00 of income combined. In addition, it provided an economic benefit of \$1.8 million in property taxes while generating more than 3.6 MWh of electricity for Ohio residents and businesses.

The loss of this facility that is efficient and environmentally compliant and provides reliable and affordable electricity is unacceptable. AEP Ohio's Power Purchase Agreement proposal is not a bailout as others would suggest. It is a plan that protects Ohio's economy by keeping hundreds of Ohioans employed and millions of dollars of annual economic benefit in place while helping shield AEP Ohio's customers from market volatility. It is a good Plan and I encourage you to approve the Plan as it is filed in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR and Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM.

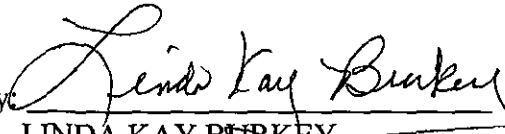
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Please docket this letter in support of AEP Ohio's Plan and as part of the record in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

TORONTO CITY COUNCIL

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