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March 20, 2015

Mr. Tom Johnson, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Case No. 14-2296-EL-BEC

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I would like to express my support for Solvay's case that is pending at the PUCO. Solvay is an international chemical company in my district that partnered with DTE-Marietta (DTEM) to build and operate a COGEN facility. Approval of this project is vital to ensuring that Solvay remains competitive in an increasingly competitive industry.

This project would allow the facility to supply steam and electricity to their manufacturing site. The company's long-term energy service agreement with DTEM will improve the reliability of their utility supply for 20 years. This arrangement will help ensure that Solvay remains a strong industrial presence in the local community for future generations.

Solvay is a valuable employer in my district. This proposal provides job security for over 340 individuals and Solvay also contributes taxes in support of our schools, hospitals, and local communities. As public officials, it is imperative that we do all that we can to encourage jobs and investment in our state.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have further questions, please contact my office at 614-466-6508.

Sincerely,

Lou Gentile  
Assistant Minority Whip  
Ohio Senate  
District 30

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