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To whom it may concern at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

My name is Rick Painter. I live in West Chester and am writing to you today about FirstEnergy case number 14-1297-EL-SSO and the request for a bailout.

There are a few reasons that I strongly object to this. First, increasing my rates and locking me and my family into buying power from the worst of Ohio's coal plants is not something that I can support. Secondly, I want to reduce toxic pollution, not support it. And lastly, bailing out old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays the inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

Please deny FirstEnergy permission to raise consumer rates in order to cover their outdated and inefficient coal plants.

Thank you for your time,

Rick Painter

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