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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Columbus, OH 43215

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I support Ohio Citizen Action's clean air campaign to --

- Stop the financial bailout of Ohio's outdated, least efficient coal plants, which would be funded by customers
- Demand to end the freeze on Ohio's renewable energy and energy efficiency standards for utilities, which have saved Ohio businesses and consumers \$1.03 billion since 2009

I care about reducing the toxic pollution and saving money on our energy bills. Reducing our dependence on coal for electricity reduces mercury and other contamination from polluting drinking water from Lake Erie and the Ohio River is a step in the right direction. Limiting pollution to our air and water leads to fewer deaths and sicknesses for everyone. I don't want a rate increase that would "lock" the consumers into buying power from some of Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.

Please stop the bailouts and end the freeze!

Thank You!

  
Amy Brumleve

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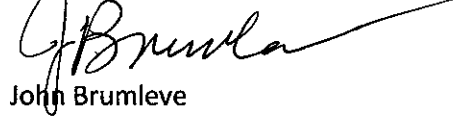
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