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Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

In Ohio, we have public-supported utilities that are approved monopolies so that we, as citizens, can benefit from strong, reliable electricity without prohibitive cost. This, of course, also allows FirstEnergy to make a profit that gives the company security. However, the monopoly is for us, not FirstEnergy. We should not shoulder their inability to evolve and innovate, harming us through increased cost and high pollution from these outdated power plants.

FirstEnergy's case 14-1297-EL-SSO has no goal to help Ohioans like my family. Just because they want to post a high EPS for next quarter doesn't mean they can make us suffer for it. They exist because we allow them to. FirstEnergy would do well to remember that. However, since they will do what's best for shareholders, ignoring the public welfare, it is the job of our Public Utilities Commission to solve this and deny their proposal to bail out their failing plants. Let's see them invest in clean, renewable, affordable energy. Not because it turns a quick profit. It doesn't. But it helps me, my family, my town, and all of Ohio enjoy affordable, clean energy, which is the point all along.

Thank you for serving on PUCO and denying FirstEnergy's case.

Sincerely,

*Kristin Snyder*

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