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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find the attached letter of support from One Columbus President and CEO Kenny McDonald for The Ohio State University's Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility proposal in the Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number 19-641-EL-BGN. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

Gerard

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The Ohio Power Siting Board

180 E. Broad St.

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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm writing to express support for the Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility as proposed by The Ohio State University in the Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number 19-1641-EL-BGN.

One Columbus, the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region, has set forth a vision to be the most prosperous region in the United States. As the President and CEO, I work with our team, state and local partners to help existing businesses grow and compete as well as drive the diversification of our economy through the attraction of new businesses. The Ohio State University has been a consistent partner in our vision of prosperity and the Combined Heat and Power Facility directly integrates into our imperative of enabling the innovative capacity of our community's academic sector.

The project aligns with the sustainability goals the University established in 2015 and contributes to its mission to be carbon neutral by 2050. CHP technology is currently promoted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a proven solution to reduce carbon footprint, especially in locations where heat and power is needed year-round, like at The Ohio State University's Main Campus.

This project has multiple benefits, including reducing the University's total cost of energy, adding to the University's overall resiliency with behind-the-meter generation and reducing the University's Columbus campus carbon emissions by up to 35% in the first full year of facility operation. Additionally, this project will support the new innovation and research district facilities being constructed on the University's West Campus through utility service

and provide efficient thermal energy through co-generation, significantly reducing the fuel used in existing boilers for campus heating.

Thank you in advance for considering this letter in support of approval of the proposed CHP facility and for taking into account the merits of the project that support the University's energy sustainability and operational efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenny McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenny McDonald  
President and CEO  
One Columbus

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