

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of Ohio
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The Honorable Larry Obhof
Ohio Senate President
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The Honorable Larry Householder
Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St. 14th Floor
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March 21, 2019

Dear Governor DeWine, Senate President Obhof and House Speaker Householder:

We write today to implore you to work towards a legislative solution allowing Ohioans to continue to experience the myriad benefits provided by the state's two nuclear power plants. These nuclear plants – Davis-Besse and Perry – help drive job creation across the state, contribute to our state's clean energy efforts and secure our power supply.

Davis-Besse and Perry provide a range of benefits to the state, from jobs and tax revenue to cleaner air and grid reliability. In fact, the plants provide a total 4,300 primary and secondary jobs across the state and pay more than \$30 million in state and local taxes. These jobs help Ohio families put food on the table and the tax revenue funds schools, police officers and first responders.

Representing 90 percent of zero emission electricity in our state, nuclear power also produces no sulfur dioxide or carbon dioxide air emissions. Any plants that would replace Davis-Besse or Perry would likely be coal or natural gas, and ultimately contribute 9 million more tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere annually.

The impending early closure of our state's two nuclear plants threatens to undermine the vital contributions that they bring to our state. We need you to take action in order to ensure our state continues to reap the benefits of this clean and reliable form of energy.

The owner of these two plants, First Energy Solutions (FES), based here in Akron, announced that it has reached a Restructuring Support Agreement (RSA) as it seeks to retain ownership and operation of these plants. The agreement allows FES to continue operating its nuclear

generation assets until their announced deactivation dates with a possibility of extending those dates if the company receives the proper legislative support and market reforms. This is a positive step for Akron and for the state.

We commend FES for fighting to ensure Ohio families and businesses can continue to rely on Davis-Besse and Perry for the same benefits they are accustomed to today. We ask that you follow suit and take immediate steps to pass legislation that acknowledges the value that these nuclear plants provide our entire state.

There is too much at stake to allow the Davis-Besse and Perry nuclear power plants to close prematurely. We encourage you to act swiftly to ensure all Ohioans continue to enjoy the economic, environmental, and energy-security benefits nuclear power provides.

Sincerely,



Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro



Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan



Greater Akron Chamber President
and CEO Steve Millard



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Secretary Treasurer David Prentice