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August 28, 2015

**The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500**

Re: Request to Suspend Implementation of the Clean Power Plan

Dear President Obama,

Over the last year, Ohio went through an extensive process of reviewing and providing suggestions on your Administration's proposal to overhaul power generation, transmission and distribution systems by minimizing coal and natural gas as fundamental sources in our country's energy portfolio. Many of our comments were of a highly technical nature, and frankly, we were hoping the final version of the Clean Power Plan released on August 3 would have addressed more of our concerns.

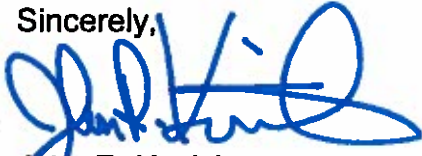
Access to reliable, abundant, and low-cost electricity is critical to Ohio's economy. For that reason, we have pursued an "all fuels" approach, which includes coal, natural gas, hydro, energy efficiency, and renewables. Unfortunately, the final plan appears to move away from such a balanced plan, which has served our state's economy well, while significantly reducing emissions and protecting public health. Specifically, between 2005 and 2014, Ohio has seen a 30 percent reduction in CO2 emissions from our coal-fired power plants. During the same period, Ohio has experienced even greater reductions of other air pollutants, including a 73 percent decrease in sulfur dioxide and 67 percent decrease in nitrogen oxides from our power plants. In fact, Ohio's coal-fired power plant fleet is currently one of the most efficient in the country because they have installed highly effective pollution controls.

Finally, I am concerned about the significant legal uncertainty surrounding this plan, especially in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision remanding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Mercury and Air Toxic Standards to the D.C. Circuit court for further consideration. For these reasons and because of the irreversible

impacts if implemented, I am asking you to suspend implementation of the final rule until all legal appeals are resolved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

John R. Kasich
Governor, State of Ohio