

November 29, 2016

Dear Governor Kasich, Senate President Faber, and Speaker Rosenberger:

Local chambers of commerce and economic development organizations are at the forefront of advocating for the economic growth of our communities; and in today's climate, we recognize that energy is an increasingly important issue for our member businesses.

As chamber and economic development leaders, we have seen clean energy projects deliver significant economic benefits that are good for our businesses, schools, communities, and the economy of this great state.

To enable Ohio to take full advantage of this fast-growing sector that has already delivered more than \$1.4 billion worth of investments, 9,000 jobs, and \$4.6 million in payments to landowners and local governments, we believe there is a need for a clear and consistent roadmap on this issue.

That is why we encourage you to (1) reinstate the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) and oppose any attempt to continue a "freeze" on these programs and (2) restore wind siting regulations that will allow companies to continue to develop wind projects that will benefit our local communities.

Let's work together to help the Buckeye state continue to lead in attracting local investment and growing local employment—and not surrender that role to neighboring states.

Respectfully,

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