



Dear Members of the Ohio Legislature,

As you review the results of the Energy Mandates Study Committee's recently released final report, we urge you to reinstate Ohio's successful renewable energy and energy efficiency standards. Instead of extending the current freeze of state goals, the legislature should reestablish these common sense policies, which are critical to ensuring Ohio's ability to attract economic development opportunities. As global companies with operations, employees, and customers in Ohio, we are increasingly adopting renewable energy and implementing energy efficiency programs because it makes economic sense and because our customers are demanding it.

Businesses like ours rely on clean energy and energy efficiency in order to cut costs, avoid energy price volatility, and gain competitive advantage. A [2014 report](#) from Calvert Investments, Ceres, and the World Wildlife Fund found that 60 percent of Fortune 100 companies have greenhouse-gas-emissions reduction commitments, renewable-energy goals, or both. State clean energy standards make it easier for us to meet our goals, and provide incentives for companies looking to invest in Ohio.

Ohio's clean energy policies work. A [recent study](#) from Pew shows that Ohio attracted \$1.3 billion in private clean energy investment from 2009 to 2013 and was projected to generate an additional \$3 billion over the next ten years. Strong clean energy policies in Ohio have provided policy certainty for companies like ours, and others, to follow through on corporate commitments and adopt solar power at Ohio manufacturing facilities.

Ohio's energy efficiency program has generated cost savings for consumers and companies alike. In fact, Ohio's utilities were [on course](#) to help their customers cut overall power use by as much as 33% before lawmakers froze the state energy efficiency requirements. A [study](#) by the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab also found that Ohio's energy efficiency programs were the cheapest and most cost effective in the nation.

Much of the recent success in building Ohio's wind and solar industries has been derailed by the state's turbulent policy decisions, and businesses are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their commitments to renewable energy and energy efficiency. For example, the changes to wind turbine set backs, as part of the legislation that froze Ohio's clean energy goals, have put wind projects across the state on hold and created uncertainty for businesses and local communities.

The way to ensure the continued uptake of clean energy is to remove the barriers that prevent businesses and ratepayers from choosing it. Instead of debating whether to roll back clean energy goals, or to extend the freeze even longer, we recommend you examine opportunities to expand and grow them.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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