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Mr. Lorry Wagner, President
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club is an organization working to advocate for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate action. We proudly defend Ohio's forests, state parks, and nature preserves. We preserve water resources by advocating for green infrastructure, factory farm regulation, and protections for Lake Erie and watersheds throughout the state. Finally, we promote Ohio's transition to a 21st-century economy through the creation of good-paying, long-standing green jobs all across Ohio. Explore, enjoy, protect.

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club holds the position that there is an urgent need to protect our environment by developing more clean energy resources. Offshore wind is a great resource as it emits no pollution, can achieve a great deal of energy that the region needs, and can be developed in a sustainable way.

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club believes that the Great Lakes region is perfectly suited to fully realize the economic and environmental benefits of America's small but growing offshore wind power industry. The region holds up to 700GW of offshore wind potential and is currently the most dependent region in the country on electricity from coal fired power plants.

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club recognizes that your organization, Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. (LEEDCo), is a regional non-profit and economic development organization building an offshore wind power industry in Ohio to improve the environment, create local jobs, and achieve national security with energy independence.



The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club further recognizes that LEEDCo is currently working to develop a demonstration project called “Icebreaker” to help catalyze an industry and spur additional development throughout the region. The first project, scheduled for completion in October 2017, will consist of six 3MW wind turbines in Lake Erie approximately 7 miles off the coast of Downtown Cleveland, Ohio.

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club understands that “Icebreaker” will create hundreds of jobs and lead to an industry that employs thousands. Offshore wind is a perfect example of how a clean energy economy can create jobs and drive economic development.

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club appreciates LEEDCo’s efforts to connect with important stakeholders like the environmental community to seek our input and support. LEEDCo’s desire to heal the environment and commitment to protect lake ecosystems is evident.

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club congratulates LEEDCo on the overwhelming public support it has demonstrated through its Power Pledge initiative. This program is proving that the people of Northeast Ohio support offshore wind and want to be a part of making it a reality.

As such, **The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club** expresses its support both for LEEDCo’s mission to build an offshore wind power industry in Northeast Ohio and also for LEEDCo’s “Icebreaker” demonstration project.

Sincerely,

Chapter Chair, Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club