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Dear Ohio Business Leader:

Re: The Climate Registry

As you know, the issue of climate change has become one of the "front burner" issues of our time. Accordingly, given the role your company plays in Ohio's economy and environment, I would like to invite your company to play a leadership role in recognizing and addressing the potential impact of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions on climate change.

Please let me take this opportunity to introduce you to *The Climate Registry (Registry)*. *The Climate Registry* is a non-profit organization, made up of 42 member states from the U.S. (including Ohio), most Canadian provinces, and several Mexican states and Indian tribal areas. *The Registry* is currently developing a uniform way of calculating and verifying GHG emissions, and will serve as a "one-stop shop" for the reporting and tracking of businesses' GHG emissions. *The Climate Registry* will provide businesses and other emitting entities with a consistent way of calculating and tracking their GHG emissions, and participation in the *Registry* will help companies better understand the impacts of potentially impending GHG laws on their operations. Even more fundamentally, as many Ohio companies recognize a need or desire to reduce their GHG emissions, participation in the *Registry* will allow these companies to develop the necessary baselines against which future reductions can be compared.

I recognize that as an Ohio business leader you may already be engaged in efforts to address climate change; from actions you may be taking within your own organization, to actively participating in discussions about climate change on a national or international level. I applaud any such efforts and believe that your participation in *The Climate Registry* will only serve to enhance them. Specifically, some of the benefits your company could derive from participation as a *Registry* "reporter" include:

- Preparation for possible national regulatory requirements by tracking your emissions now according to the well established standards;
- Access to resources to help you develop your GHG emissions inventory;
- Having a greater understanding of how possible climate regulations and policies would likely impact you (and being able to provide more meaningful comments on any such regulations and policies);
- Establishment of a baseline and credible documentation of your GHG emission reduction activities; and

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- Recognition as a leader in the rapidly-developing area of climate change.

As you may already know, *The Climate Registry* plans to finalize its *General Reporting Protocol* ("GRP") shortly after its January 15th Board of Directors meeting. The GRP provides the requirements, guidance, and procedures for reporting your emissions to *The Climate Registry*. In addition, the *Registry* is finalizing its *Third Party Verification Protocol*, which will work in conjunction with the GRP. (Third party verification, where an independent expert assesses the accuracy and conformity of an emission report with agreed-upon criteria, has become increasingly accepted as a best practice for the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.)

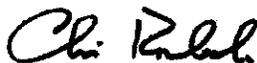
While Ohio EPA understands that the *General Reporting Protocol* and *Third Party Verification Protocol* are not yet final, we wanted you to be aware of these fast-moving developments. I **also strongly suggest that you visit *The Climate Registry* website at www.climateregistry.org to review the detailed information provided there (including the draft protocols) on how the *Registry* will actually operate, how reporting entities are defined, the mechanisms and procedures applicable to measuring, verifying, reporting, and tracking changes to GHG emissions, and other critical information.**

In 2008, Ohio EPA, in conjunction with *The Climate Registry*, will offer information sessions and training workshops for Ohio businesses interested in becoming a *Registry* reporter. Please take time to look over *The Climate Registry* website and contact Robyn Kenney, in our Division of Air Pollution Control, at 614-644-3425 or robyn.kenney@epa.state.oh.us, if you are interested in these information sessions. Further, please feel free to contact Robyn if your business is thinking about becoming a reporter and simply has questions about the *Registry* and its operation. In the event you are already an active participant in *The Climate Registry* development process, I thank you for your involvement.

As the Director of Ohio EPA, I often consider the delicate balance between a healthy environment and a healthy economy. I must also give considerable thought to developing or promoting new approaches to environmental issues which not only make Ohio's environment healthier, but will also place Ohio on the cutting edge of technical and industrial advances and could enhance Ohio's opportunity for economic growth and development. I felt it important to inform you of this new opportunity for your business that could help you with future planning and enhance the health of our environment in Ohio and around the globe.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Chris Korleski,
Director

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