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**ERIC L. BURKLAND**

July 12, 2016

The Honorable Keith Faber, President  
Ohio Senate  
Senate Building, 2nd Floor, Rm 201  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Governor's Appointments to the PUCO

Dear President Faber:

As the Senate undertakes its review of Governor Kasich's most recent appointment to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), I write to convey perspectives of the 1,400 member-strong Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA).

The OMA supports Governor Kasich's selection of M. Howard Petricoff to the PUCO. Mr. Petricoff's deep knowledge and experience bode well for Ohio energy producers, distributors and customers.

Mr. Petricoff's appointment to the PUCO is positive and welcome news for Ohio manufacturers. He brings to his new post at the Commission more than three decades of valuable institutional history and deep industry expertise that will enable him to fairly and effectively balance the needs of energy customers and energy suppliers alike.

We look forward to working with Commissioner Petricoff on the energy issues that matter to manufacturers. A Democrat who will fill an unexpired term ending April 10, 2020, Petricoff is a retired partner in the Vorys Columbus office and was member of its energy group. He advised and represented clients on energy, utility and environmental matters, including litigation in federal and state courts as well as state public service commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and various permitting boards and commissions.

Thank you for considering our thoughts as you review this appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric L. Burkland".

Eric L. Burkland  
President