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Dear Dr. Bradley Borum,

Dear Dr. Bradley Borum, Director of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Duke Energy Indiana,

I write to you as a consumer and constituent with serious concerns about Duke's 20-year energy plan, particularly as it extends the use of coal until 2038 and delays the retirement of coal at several coal plants. As our state's largest electric provider, Duke is also failing to bring Hoosiers the benefits of affordable, renewable energy.

I ask that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission encourage Duke Energy to reevaluate its 20-year energy plan to focus on:

- Planning to scale-up renewable energy in the near-term which we know will be a key part of keeping our power affordable in the decade ahead.
- Stopping its fight against greenhouse gas and coal ash regulations that protect our communities.
- Ending coal use at scandal-ridden Edwardsport coal plant as soon as possible, and ending coal burning at the Gibson coal-fired power plant by 2030 which has a record of high outages. As we have seen in its recent rate case, Duke's coal plants are becoming less economic and customers are being expected to foot the bill of hundreds of millions of dollars for these coal plants that are already struggling to compete on the market.

Duke cannot continue to delay coal plant retirements and renewable energy development as many Hoosiers like myself are increasingly concerned about rising energy costs. We expect state regulators to ensure that Duke provides safe, reliable, and efficient electricity, and any future plan that continues to operate coal until 2038 isn't doing that.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission needs to make it clear to Duke that Hoosiers expect more than this greedy energy plan and we deserve to benefit from the transition to affordable renewable energy, which is already succeeding in boosting economies and financial outcomes for consumers in states around the country.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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