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Dear Dr. Bradley Borum,

As one who believes in everyone's right to clean air, clean water, and a pollution-free home, I read with dismay the detrimental decisions found in Duke's 2024 20-Year Energy Plan (Integrated Resource Plan) that extends coal burning and plunders its past renewable energy commitments.

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

I condemn Duke's 20 year energy plan which 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 continues to fail 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 we need to keep our power affordable in the decade ahead.
- 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.
- Stopping its fight against greenhouse gas and coal ash regulations that protect our communities.

Duke cannot continue to develop plans that bake-in unnecessary delays in coal plant retirements, and delays to building renewable energy. 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 appalling energy plan and we deserve to benefit from the transition to affordable renewable energy.

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Despite the fact that Hoosiers deserve to breathe clean air, Duke continues to move toward burning coal ONLY instead of current plans to co-fire coal and gas. Duke must end coal burning at Edwardson and Gibson as soon as possible as both facilities are losing customers millions of dollars each year, producing coal ash, and harming Hoosiers' health by polluting our air and water.

Listening to their constituents who demand clean air, clean water, and pollution free neighborhoods, a number of elected officials have called for more renewable energy and a transition away from coal. Duke's failure to diversify energy resources and insistence on clinging to coal is leading to rate increases. It is imperative that Duke diversify the use of its uneconomic coal plants and begin a transition to renewable energy.

I call on Duke to stop its delay of demonstrated positive outcomes from wind, solar and battery storage and plan to bring new wind energy online, make investments in solar or battery storage, and bring our state into a prominent leadership role as we move into more affordable and equally reliable options for a pollution-free Hoosier state.

Furthermore, I call upon Mayor Sakbun and all our local elected officials to take a stand and submit comments opposing Duke's plan to renege on its past renewable energy commitments.

Sincerely,

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