

## SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Writing letters and making phone calls to your local elected officials is one of the best ways to ensure your voice is heard. Please find below a sample letter you can use as a starting point in putting together your message the elected officials in your community. You should personalize with your own reason for supporting clean energy!

Dear Mayor (xxx),

As a resident of (community name), I believe it is time for our community to be leaders in protecting our environment and embracing a clean energy economy. Ohio's biggest opportunity to address large-scale environmental challenges and opportunities is working at the local level. In fact, most climate victories over the past several years have occurred in cities and counties where practical solution drive decision-making.

Other communities across Ohio are already stepping up to take full advantage of the major cost savings that come from implementing equitable climate solutions that attract private sector investment and spur job growth. Right here at home we can build more renewable energy locally, create new career opportunities for our local residents in the field of energy efficiency, implement equitable energy policy solutions to support frontline communities, provide and preserve quality greenspace, and make our communities cleaner, healthier and more sustainable for all.

One way we can start moving forward is by joining the **Power a Clean Future Ohio** (PCFO) campaign. PCFO is an expansive, diverse coalition engaging with cities and local governments across the state to build a clean future for our communities. The campaign is empowering local leaders with tools and resources to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable, and economical.

There are currently ten communities of all sizes and demographics in every corner of the state who have officially joined PCFO. Whether they want to take small steps or have a big vision, the leaders of those cities are working with their residents to determine what will work best for them.

Here in (Community name), we can work to improve energy efficiency in our homes, schools, and city buildings, or invest in clean energy sources that cut harmful emissions and save us money. We can increase the amount of greenspace that can be enjoyed by our families. By adopting the goal of equitably reducing our community's carbon footprint by 30 percent by 2030, we can make a difference here at home that will last a lifetime. I urge you to consider joining the Power a Clean Future Ohio campaign.

Sincerely,

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