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I am writing on behalf of Green Energy Ohio (GEO) in support of LEEDCo and Icebreaker Wind. For almost two decades, GEO has been dedicated to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. GEO has a statewide membership base of businesses, nonprofit groups, community and government entities, and individuals committed to moving Ohio forward on energy and climate issues.

GEO's 2018 Policy Statement makes specific reference to support for the development of off-shore wind projects in Lake Erie as viable renewable power sources. In addition, GEO supports collaborative processes where government, utilities, energy service providers, research and educational institutions, advocacy groups, businesses and trade associations, and community stakeholders share strategies and resources to help all consumers enhance sustainability and control energy costs. LEEDCo has been an excellent example of that collaborative effort since 2009.

GEO also supports local, state, national, and international efforts to address climate change. Any serious attempt to reduce carbon must acknowledge the contributions of the energy sector and focus on the development and installation of clean energy technologies.

The Great Lakes do not exist for our personal, temporary enjoyment. They are a magnificent and complex ecosystem upon which many species rely. They are the lifeblood of communities and the backbone of the industrial Midwest. And they are threatened by algal blooms that close beaches and contaminate water supplies; by increasingly frequent and severe storms that cause erosion and sedimentation and destroy critical habitat; by changes in weather patterns that alter breeding seasons and migration routes; and by fluctuations in the temperature and chemical composition of the water column that affect the aquatic life upon which so many commercial and recreational enterprises depend. These are the true threats to the beauty of Lake Erie, not the installation of a proven technology that has the ability to reduce our dependence on fuels that contribute to climate change.

Those who are truly committed to saving our beautiful Lake understand the necessity of addressing the very real threats of climate change. We cannot afford to look through a narrow lens of self-interest when what we need is a powerful telescope to show us what we cannot see – a future in which the renewable energy produced by projects like Icebreaker Wind will ensure the health – and beauty – of the Great Lakes.

GEO is pleased to be counted among the supporters of Icebreaker Wind. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Best regards,

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