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Mr. David G. Huizenga
Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management
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Mr. Huizenga:

The success of the Decontamination & Decommissioning (D&D) work at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant is critical to Piketon, Ohio, and the surrounding community. As you know, southern Ohio has struggled in this slow economy; a well-executed cleanup at Portsmouth would help put people back to work and set the stage for future development at the site. More than 2,500 Ohioans are already working to restore the site, and I believe it is our shared goal to build on this success and ensure the long-term viability of the project.

Members of the community have voiced concerns about the Department of Energy's process for cleanup and reindustrialization. This is an issue of significant importance to southern Ohio, and I share the community's concerns regarding delays. We simply cannot afford to fall behind schedule on the D&D project. Further, I believe that the Department of Energy must finalize its cleanup plans as quickly as possible in order to prevent further delays. By doing so, we can save taxpayer dollars and honor our commitment to the community. Thank you for your continued efforts and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad R. Wenstrup".

Brad Wenstrup
U.S. Representative