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The Honorable Harold Rogers
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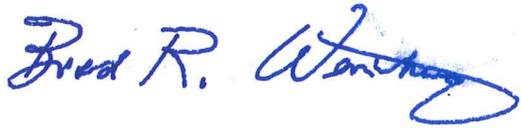
Dear Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Lowey, Chairman Simpson, and Ranking Member Kaptur:

We write to ask that any short-term continuing resolution (CR) sustains ongoing decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) work at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (Portsmouth) in Piketon, Ohio.

As you know, existing appropriations expire at the end of this month, and it is unlikely that an Energy and Water appropriations bill for FY17 will be enacted by that time. For the past three years, the Ohio delegation has worked closely with the Committee to provide sufficient funding for D&D work at Portsmouth to avoid layoffs or work stoppages during CR periods. We will continue to work with the Committee on long-term funding levels that fully support cleanup operations, but, in the meantime, we want to ensure that a short-term CR does not have negative long-term consequences for the workers at Portsmouth and the Piketon community.

In return for their hard work and sacrifice during the Cold War, the people of Ohio received a commitment from the federal government to properly dismantle the Portsmouth site and prepare it for use by future generations. We hope that you will help us keep this promise.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brad R. Wenstrup in blue ink.

Brad R. Wenstrup
Member of Congress

Handwritten signature of Bill Johnson in blue ink.

Bill Johnson
Member of Congress