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Ms. Anne M. Vogel, JD., MBA
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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Elimination of E-Check Program in Northeast Ohio

Director Vogel,

We write this letter urging the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to eliminate the costly federal program known as E-Check in Northeast Ohio. This subjectively applied program places an undue burden on hardworking people living in the following seven Northeast Ohio counties, Cuyahoga; Geauga; Lake; Lorain; Medina; Portage and Summit.

A recent [air quality study](#) from IQAir, a Swiss air technology company, concluded that Columbus, Ohio is the most polluted city in the country - at a rate of approximately 15 micrograms of lung damaging airborne particles per cubic meter (PM2.5). The Biden administration this year proposed limiting pollution of industrial fine soot particles or fossil-based fuels from the current annual level of 12 micrograms per cubic meter to a level between 9 and 10 micrograms per cubic meter.

While this program was well intentioned 30 years ago, the air quality is significantly cleaner in the Cleveland/Akron area compared to Greater Columbus. To maximize results, the policy should be aimed at ameliorating the greatest source of air pollution which is in Central Ohio and not Northeast Ohio. We believe the policy should be adjusted to best reflect this data.

We respectfully request the Ohio EPA to consider ending the E-Check program in Northeast Ohio. Please feel free to contact me at (614) 644-5085 if I can provide any further information which would lead to the elimination of this costly program.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bill Roemer in black ink.

State Representative, District 31

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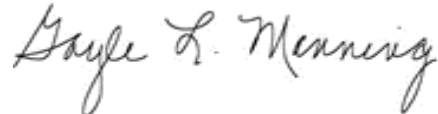
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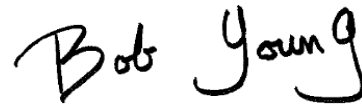
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