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State Representative

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RE: Requested Recognition of Improved Air Quality in Steubenville Area

Dear Erica:

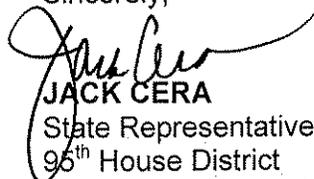
It is my understanding that the State of Ohio will seek recognition for the improved air quality in the Steubenville-Weirton WV area from the US EPA. This letter is written in support of the efforts being made in this regard.

According to recent information shared with my office, the Steubenville area is meeting the 1997 federal fine particulate standard. Over the course of the last decade and a half, this region of the state has worked hard to improve air quality by enforcing clean air standards set by the federal government. In turn, the monitoring and measuring of air pollutants taken over time have dramatically improved, thus laying the groundwork for the re-designation of air quality.

This environmental change is definitely a stepping stone for the local community. Not only is it a huge step forward in protecting the public's health and contributing to climate change, it is also a win-win for the community as a place that is more appealing to business ventures, new and old alike.

The changes made will help ensure a more promising future for the next generation. With all these positive attributes in mind, I am wholeheartedly supportive of the State's efforts in seeking this re-designation.

Sincerely,


JACK CERA
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