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May 18, 2011

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I write today to support the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in its efforts to secure an official recognition from the U.S. EPA of improved air quality in Southern Ohio. It is my understanding that a public hearing was held in Portsmouth, Ohio on April 21, 2011.

The Ohio EPA has stated that the Huntington-Ashland area meets the 1997 federal fine particulate standard and that current air pollution controls will enable the area to maintain the necessary levels of air quality. It is my understanding that the recognition by the U.S. EPA will help bring job creation and economic development to Portsmouth and the surrounding area. It is my hope that this will help lead to the creation of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses in the region.

As the Environmental Protection Agency reviews the application, I ask that you give all due consideration to this request. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance in this matter. Your response should be directed my Cleveland Office, at 1301 East 9th St. Suite 1710, Cleveland OH, 44114.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

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United States Senator

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