

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Tom Johnson
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It is out of concern for hundreds of workers in Warren, OH that we write to you today. Recently, the management of Warren Steel Holdings filed a request for a Reasonable Arrangement with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). We urge the PUCO to give thorough deliberation to the Warren Steel Holdings request.

It is our understanding that the company is seeking a Reasonable Agreement that would level the playing field with similar producers in Ohio. In March 2014, in part due to high energy costs, Warren Steel Holdings suspended operations without initiating employee layoffs. Without a competitive power rate, the company has no plans to restart operations. A plant closure would be devastating to the local economy, costing more than \$53 million in employee compensation.

A viable Warren Steel Holdings will not only protect the existing local jobs, but has the potential to attract new strategic partnerships that could lead to future growth and expansion in Ohio. The company has indicated that competitive electric pricing will allow it to make state of the art upgrades to the facility. It is our hope that new investment in the plant will lead to new jobs in Warren, Ohio.

We ask that the PUCO give all due consideration to Warren Steel Holdings request for a Reasonable Arrangement. Please don't hesitate to contact our offices if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator



Tim Ryan
United States Representative