



**Mark Hiner**  
**State Representative**

**June 9, 2025**

Dear Director Mihalik,

I'm writing today regarding the Conesville Industrial Site and its application for All Ohio Future Funding to help boost and accelerate the project in Coshocton so it can not only be an asset to the local community, but a vital energy generation center for the state of Ohio.

A small portion of the 2,500-acre brownfield site was recently purchased by Aligned Data Centers for possible future data center development. Aligned Data Centers plans to invest over \$2 billion on the site and build at least three data center buildings. The site is ideally positioned for future manufacturing and power generation, with multiple electric transmission lines and a natural gas pipeline already in place. Additional brownfield remediation is underway.

For some additional background, this is formally the site of the Conesville Power Plant – co-owned by American Electric Power – which closed in 2020. When the plant shut down, the community lost hundreds of jobs, and the local school district, River View Schools, has been decimated by the loss of tax revenue. Revitalizing this site will help restore their tax base and enrich the local economy. In fact, using tax increment financing, future new real property taxes paid by Aligned Data Centers will repay unforgiven AOFF debt while still allowing the Riverview Local Schools to receive 100% of what they would normally be due as a payment in lieu of taxes.

The Coshocton Port Authority, in collaboration with Coshocton County Commissioners, the City of Coshocton, and the Frontier Group of Companies has applied to the All Ohio Future Fund for \$58 million to install water, sewer, and critical road infrastructure to the Conesville Industrial power generation site.

The Conesville Industrial Site is a prime destination for the allocation of this funding. It represents an opportunity to revitalize Appalachian brownfield site and create a shovel-ready site for future manufacturing and power generation at a time when it's needed most here in Ohio and the region. I believe I speak for my community when I say that in addition to the development that has already taken place, we are ready and eager to hit the ground running on next steps, and this funding would be a very helpful resource in finalizing plans for this site.

I fully recommend All Ohio Future funding to be allocated for this site in Coshocton and I urge the Department of Development to award this project in short order so that no more time is lost as plans move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Hiner".

**State Representative Mark Hiner**  
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