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The Honorable Jennifer French
Public Utilities of Ohio

Dear Board Members:

At the Parma City Council Meeting held on Monday, February 2, 2026, Parma City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 12-26, objecting to First Energy's request to let power outages last longer, and declaring an emergency.

Over the past three years, the area I represent—Ward 2 in the City of Parma—has experienced numerous power outages. Several of these outages have lasted longer than 48 hours. In other cases, the power has repeatedly gone off and back on, creating damaging surges inside residents' homes. These repeated disruptions have resulted in the destruction of circuit boards, computers, televisions, appliances, and other essential household equipment.

Residents have also suffered the loss of freezers full of food due to prolonged outages. This is simply unacceptable.

Ward 2 is home to a significant senior population, many of whom rely on electricity for critical medical equipment and climate control. Their health and safety must remain a top priority. During previous outages, the City has had to step in to assist vulnerable residents by conducting welfare checks and providing generators, placing an added burden on municipal services and resources.

Granting FirstEnergy's request for flexibility in reliability standards would weaken the protections currently in place for customers and lower the standard of service our residents expect and deserve. Reliability standards exist to protect lives, property, and overall quality of life. Reducing these standards would expose our community to unnecessary risk.

If this request is approved, it will have a direct and harmful impact on the residents of Ward 2 and the broader Parma community. I respectfully urge that this request be denied.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing this letter to be entered into the record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Lime".

Deborah Lime
Councilwoman, Ward 2
City of Parma