

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is written to ask why your administration is not supporting a clean coal project that will create thousands of new jobs in our Appalachian Ohio community. Specifically the Beard Energy, Ohio River Clean Fuels project, fully permitted for construction in Wellsville, Ohio, needs a DOE loan guarantee. You campaigned on clean coal and Ohio needs your help!

The Sierra Club disparages the Ohio EPA for issuing permits that didn't address CO2 and has bragged that it will kill the project. Beard officials have met with this group to offer a compromise by guaranteeing to capture over eighty percent of the CO2 produced which compromise was rejected. It appears from our vantage point that your administration is in support of the Sierra Club to the detriment of a legally permitted clean coal project, which is desperately needed in our economically distressed county in Ohio.

Yours truly,

cc: Ted Strickland, Governor State of Ohio
Charlie Wilson, Congressman State of Ohio
Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy