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The Ohio Climate Change Dialogue took place in Hilliard, a town just outside Columbus. The program was entitled “Managing Ohio’s Energy Future: Anticipating Costs and Opportunities in a Carbon Constrained World.” Jennifer Klein, Director of Energy and Environment Policy for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, gave the welcome and a brief overview of how the day’s program would operate. Ms. Klein introduced the Event Moderator, Scott Miller, Director of Energy and Environmental Programs in the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs.

Mr. Miller introduced U.S. Senator George Voinovich, who gave the opening remarks for the dialogue. The Senator pointed out that the U.S. could not

tackle climate change unilaterally, because acting alone will jeopardize our international competitiveness while not making an appreciable difference in global CO₂ emissions. He also pointed out that countries were using different baseline years for CO₂ emission comparisons, and there is quite a difference in using 1990 as a baseline versus using 2005 as a baseline.

Sen. Voinovich spoke about the principles behind his decision-making concerning CO₂ legislation. The economic stability of consumers is part of his decision-making, as is keeping jobs from moving out of Ohio. Requirements in legislation also have to be achievable. Sen. Voinovich mentioned that the technology requirements in the Waxman-Markey bill are not easily achievable goals and thus cannot be compared to the successful and smaller scale acid rain cap and trade program. We had readily available and deployable technology for the acid rain program, a key difference between acid rain and climate change. The technologies needed to meet the Waxman-Markey caps and trade legislation.

Sen. Voinovich said, “We cannot tolerate policies that undermine our economy and drive jobs overseas.” He talked about the Asia Pacific Partnership Act; said we needed to work in this way, internationally, to use the best and brightest to find best ways to deploy carbon capture and other technology. Sen. Voinovich discussed the need for a large build-out of nuclear power.

Following the Senator’s remarks, John Rego, a Partner with Jones Day, and Wendy Patton from Policy Matters, gave a brief, clinical (and non-partisan) overview of the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

Afterward, Scott Miller introduced three economists who spoke about the topic “Anticipating Costs: Impacts & Opportunities for Ohio.” Dr. Margo Thorning, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist with the American Council for Capital Formation discussed her study on H.R. 2454, the “American Clean Energy and Security Act.” Thorning stated that enacting H.R. 2454 would hinder the U.S. economy without impacting climate change effectively if the same stringent laws did not govern developing countries such as India and China. She noted that EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has admitted that the U.S. acting alone will make no difference in climate change. Dr. Nathaniel Keohane of the Environmental Defense Fund spoke about the costs of inaction, as did Dr. Andrew Keeler of the John Glenn School for Public Affairs.

Following lunch there was a panel entitled “Anticipating Ohio’s Energy Future: Providers, Technology and Trends.” Henry Cialone of EWI, Bruce Baine of American Electric Power, Mike Carey of the Ohio Coal Association, Terry Fleming of the Ohio Petroleum Council, Steve Melink of Melink Corporation, and Nolan Moser of the Ohio Environmental Council, all gave their views.

The final panel for the event was entitled “Anticipating Ohio’s Energy Needs: Users and Innovators.” This panel highlighted Ohio businesses. Kevin Schmidt of the Ohio Manufacturer’s Association, Dave Karpinski of NorTech, and Stephen Myers of the Ohio BioProducts Innovation Center discussed the impact of H.R. 2454 on their respective operations.

The meeting ended with closing remarks from Scott Miller.

Companies & Organizations in Attendance

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AEP
AEP Ohio
Alliance for Climate Protection
American Center for Capital Formation
American Chemistry Council
American Municipal Power, Inc.
Americas GE Energy
ASHTA Chemicals, Inc.
August Mack Environmental
Babcock & Wilcox
Battelle
Bike, Walk Ohio!
Blue Green Alliance
BP America
Buckeye Power, Inc.
Capital Resin Corporation
City of Hamilton
CJR Group
Clow Water Systems Company
CSX
Dancraft Construction
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Dick Greer Builders
Dillin Corp.
Dominion Resources Services
Duke Energy
Duke Energy Ohio
E. Marianne Gabel Law Office
Edison Welding Institute Columbus
Elco Corporation
Emery Oleochemicals
ENVIRON International Corporation
Environment Ohio
Environmental Defense Fund
FirstEnergy
Frantz Ward
Fuller Oil Company
General Die Casters, Inc.
Goldstein Caldwell & Assoc.
Greater Cleveland Partnership
Greater Ohio Partnership
Honda of America Manufacturing Inc.
Husky Lima Refinery
Husky Marketing and Supply Company
John Glenn School of Public Affairs
Jones Day
Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter
Knox County Chamber of Commerce
League of Women Voters of Ohio
Lesic & Camper Communications
Litech Lighting
Marathon Oil
Marathon Petroleum Company
McDonald Hopkins LLC
McGean
Melamed Communications
Melink Corp.
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Miller and Company
National Wildlife Federation
Nationwide
NiSource/Columbia Gas of Ohio
NorTech

Northern States Metals
ODNR, Division of Geological Survey
Office of Congressman John Boccieri
Ohio Cast Metals Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council
Ohio Coal Association
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Ohio House of Representatives
Ohio Interfaith Power & Light
Ohio League of Conservative Voters
Ohio Manufacturers Association
Ohio Municipal Electric Association/AMP
Ohio Petroleum Council
OPMCA
Pew Environment Group
Pioneer Electric Cooperative
Pioneer Power & Light Company
Plaskolite, Inc.
PPG Industries, Inc.
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Seaman Corporation
Sierra Club
Speedway Superamerica
TCP
Teynor Consulting
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
The Lubrizol Corporation
The Timken Company
The Voinovich School of Leadership & Public Affairs
Thompson Hine LLP
Tipping Point Renewable Energy
Transportation Matters
TS Tech USA
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Ulmer & Berne LLP
USEC Inc.
Varo Engineers, Inc.
White Castle Management Co.
Woodcraft