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GREATER CLEVELAND PARTNERSHIP TAKES STAND FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

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Wind, solar, nuclear, fuel cell and clean coal energy sources could help Northeast Ohio improve air quality and create a new industry sector.

The Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) is in pursuit of an energy policy that calls for stable rates and development of advanced energy resources. With the state energy bill (S.B. 221) entering a critical stage, the GCP Energy Policy outlines a plan to meet the enormous challenges facing Ohio.

The GCP Energy Policy has four goals:

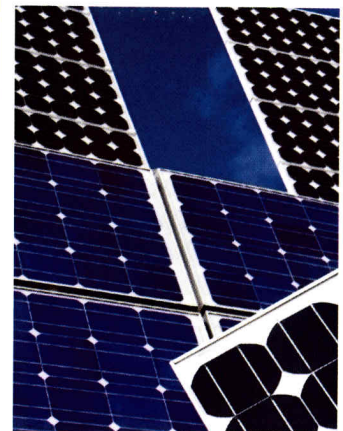
1 Sound energy policy at the state and federal levels should move Ohio and the nation toward energy independence through less reliance on foreign sources and by stimulating long-term economic growth.

2 In the overall context of development of a sound energy policy, GCP supports Gov. Ted Strickland's hybrid proposal for setting rates.

3 The bill should include an aggressive advanced energy portfolio standard (AEPS) to generate economic growth and mitigate the economic impacts associated with environmental regulations, as well as effective benchmarks for implementation.



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4 GCP supports the elements of the bill that will provide incentives that capitalize on Ohio's abundance of coal, encouraging the use of clean coal technology.

Advanced energy has the potential to be a growth industry for Northeast Ohio because it builds on some of the region's existing strengths. Cleveland is a leader with world-class educational and health care institutions, research assets, and strong manufacturing base. Bill Christopher, GCP's chair of advocacy and group president for Alcoa,

manufacturing, it is also a hotbed for innovation and is uniquely positioned to develop advanced energy solutions."

No other region of Ohio has more to gain by the development of advanced energy sources. "Meeting head-on the environmental challenges facing our region provides the obvious improvement in our air quality, but also provides economic development opportunities for the community," added Christopher. <<

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