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Via email, hard copy to follow.

Director Pace,

The undersigned Ohio citizens and citizens' groups, state and national organizations are writing to inform you that we are not in agreement with your "Certification of Performance Standards" and are in fact quite insulted that you presume to speak for Ohio citizens and Ohio environmental organizations. To date we have not found even one organization in our state that had any knowledge of this agreement, even though you have been working on it for the past two years. If indeed you have been working or communicating with environmental organizations in Ohio, please provide us with the name(s) of these organizations.

It appears to us that your strictly voluntary standards are in reality business as usual for the industrialization and destruction of our communities by some of the same people who developed these so-called standards.

We are putting you on notice that we, the citizens of Ohio, will not change our position on fracking based on this feeble attempt to pacify us with these worthless standards that have no standing in law. We vow to continue our fight against this destructive extraction industry and those that pretend to represent our environmental concerns.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio  
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