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Dear Dr. Bradley Borum,

As an elected official in the City of Bloomington, which relies on Duke Energy for electricity, I am writing to speak out strongly against the company's proposed IRP. Duke's plan relies too much on coal and does not include enough investment in renewable energy sources. Climate change is real and is accelerating. The residents of Bloomington, who have Duke as the only option for electricity, should not have to keep paying ever-increasing rates to a corporation that is not shifting their practices while the planet is burning.

Dear Dr. Bradley Borum, Director of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Duke Energy Indiana,

I condemn Duke's 20 year energy plan which extends the use of coal until 2038, and delays the retirement of coal at several coal plants. As our state's largest electric provider, Duke continues to fail to bring Hoosiers the benefits of affordable, renewable energy.

I ask that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission encourage Duke Energy to reevaluate its 20 year energy plan to focus on:

- Planning to scale-up renewable energy in the near-term which we know we need to keep our power affordable in the decade ahead.
- Ending coal use at scandal-ridden Edwardsport coal plant as soon as possible, and ending coal burning at the Gibson coal-fired power plant by 2030 which has a record of high outages. As we have seen in its recent rate case, Duke's coal plants are becoming less economic and customers are being expected to foot the bill of hundreds of millions of dollars for these coal plants that are already struggling to compete on the market.
- Stopping its fight against greenhouse gas and coal ash regulations that protect our communities.

Duke cannot continue to develop plans that bake-in unnecessary delays in coal plant retirements, and delays to building renewable energy. We expect state regulators to ensure that Duke provides safe, reliable, and efficient electricity, and any future plan that continues to operate coal until 2038 isn't doing that.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission needs to make it clear to Duke that Hoosiers expect more than this appalling energy plan and we deserve to benefit from the transition to affordable renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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