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August 7, 2026

Dear Neighbor,

Reliable electric service is something every family and business should be able to count on. Recently State Representative Craig Staats and I have heard from many residents throughout our districts who have experienced repeated power outages and lengthy restoration times. We share your frustration.

That is why we sent the enclosed letter to the president of First Energy Utilities (Met-Ed). We are requesting specific information about planned infrastructure improvements, reliability upgrades and the company's timeline for strengthening the electric grid in our communities.

Our offices have already raised these concerns directly with the utility, but many of our questions remain unanswered. We believe you deserve clear communication and a reliable electric system. We have asked FirstEnergy to provide a formal response by Sept. 4.

We will continue to advocate for the improvements our communities need and keep you informed as we receive additional information.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

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August 6, 2026

Wade Smith, President, First Energy Utilities
341 White Pond Drive
Akron, Ohio 44320

President Smith,

We are writing on behalf of the residents of the 143rd and 145th Legislative Districts to express our growing concern over the frequency of power outages and the length of time many customers are waiting for service to be restored.

Over the past several months, our offices have received an increasing number of calls and emails from constituents reporting prolonged outages following weather events. While we recognize the challenges utility crews face during storm response, many residents have questioned whether the existing electric distribution system is adequately equipped to provide the level of reliability they expect.

Reliable electric service is essential for every household, business, school and health care facility in our communities. Extended outages create significant hardships for families, disrupt local businesses and pose serious concerns for seniors and residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment.

Our staffs have reached out to your company on multiple occasions seeking information about outage restoration, infrastructure improvements and long-term reliability planning. Many of our inquiries remain unanswered or have not been addressed in a timely manner.

To better understand how your company intends to improve reliability throughout our districts, we respectfully request a written response addressing the following:

- What infrastructure improvements are planned or currently underway within the 143rd and 145th Legislative Districts?
- What investments are being made to strengthen the electric distribution system and reduce the frequency and duration of outages?
- Are there areas within our districts that have been identified as priorities for reliability upgrades?
- What timeline does the company anticipate for completing planned improvements?

Our constituents deserve clear communication and confidence that steps are being taken to improve the reliability of the electric grid. We respectfully request a written response by September 4, 2026, so we can provide accurate information to the residents we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and to working together to improve electric reliability throughout our communities.

Sincerely,

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Shelby Labs
State Representative
143rd Legislative District

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Craig Staats
State Representative
145th Legislative District