



Letters to the editor - June 16

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Clean energy with Ohio workers

I am writing in response to Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's decision to yank the plug on a deal to purchase lighting.

I am glad to hear that Cleveland will be making the transition to LED lighting, because energy-efficient technology is available now and is more cost-effective than building new power plants.

The mayor of Cleveland has done the right thing by rejecting an exclusive deal with China to supply all the LED lights for the city.

This proves that energy efficiency is a powerful economic driver. It is a growing market, and creating Ohio jobs in energy efficiency should be a high priority for all government leaders, otherwise Ohioans will continue to lose jobs to overseas companies.

With a strong manufacturing base and leading research institutions, Ohio is poised to be a leader in the manufacturing, design and development of efficient technologies.

The longer Ohio waits to reduce greenhouse gas pollution through energy retrofits and efficiency, the more we lose. But it must be done with Ohio workers and Ohio companies.

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