



March 31, 2023

Don LaMonaca
Director, Critical Infrastructure Business Line at Battelle
505 King Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43201

RE: Support for the Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2) Proposal (DE-FOA-0002779)

Dear Mr. Lamonaca,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2) Initiative, proposed by Battelle in collaboration with GTI Energy, Allegheny Science & Technology (AST), and many other organizations, for funding by the U.S. Department of Energy.

I understand that the primary objective of the ARCH2 program is to enable widespread deployment of infrastructure for clean hydrogen production, transport, and end-use in the Appalachian Basin States of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania and concurrent impact on adjacent eastern and midwestern states. Industries across the Appalachian region are fully engaged, willing, and ready to lead the transition to clean energy.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is the state's leading business advocate and resource working with large and small businesses statewide to strengthen the business community and increase growth in all sectors on the state. The Ohio Chamber strives to be a powerful and unified voice for our membership, businesses, and Ohioans as a whole.

Many of our members care about their business's environmental impact and are excited to be a part of this initiative to increase access to clean hydrogen across the state. This initiative continues to show a strong commitment to growing and continuing investment in the hydrogen market in Ohio. We fully support ARCH2's vision to promote this production increase by engaging businesses and organizations across the state of Ohio to expand our workforce and further develop and produce clean energy for our state. Converting carbon emissions into hydrogen is critical in our efforts to have both reliable and clean energy and in positioning Ohio as a leader for next-generation hydrogen jobs.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is again pleased to provide support for the ARCH2 and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or require any additional information at 614-228-4201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Stivers', written over a white background.

Steve Stivers
President & CEO
Ohio Chamber of Commerce