



**TED STRICKLAND**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

February 27, 2009

Director Peter Orszag  
The Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Orszag:

Section 1607 of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 requires the Governor to provide certification regarding funds provided under the Act. To that end, please accept this letter as Ohio's formal request for financial support, as prescribed by the Act. As Ohio's Chief Executive Officer, I have the constitutional and statutory authority to enter into agreements with the United States government to apply for and receive funds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Further, I certify the State of Ohio will use the requested funds provided by this Act to create jobs and to promote economic growth.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio, I thank you for your leadership. Your decisive action will assist the citizens of this country during these extraordinary economic times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Strickland  
Governor

cc: President Bill Harris  
Speaker Armond Budish  
Director J. Pari Sabety