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Michael DeWine
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RE: Enforcement Referral for Big Sky Energy, Inc., Meridian Energy Corporation, and Robert W. Barr

Dear Mr. DeWine:

I hereby request that you initiate civil and/or criminal proceedings under Chapter 1509 of the Ohio Revised Code, including all necessary legal and equitable actions, and seek appropriate relief, including penalties, against Big Sky Energy, Inc., Meridian Energy Corporation, Robert W. Barr, and any other appropriate persons for violations of Chapter 1509 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder.

Megan De Lisi is the primary contact with regard to this referral. Please coordinate all negotiations and any resolution of this matter with Ms. De Lisi. She may be reached at 614-265-6937. Appropriate documentation to support this request is enclosed with this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Simmers".

Richard J. Simmers, Chief
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