

**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR-ELECT JOHN KASICH  
AND LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT MARY TAYLOR  
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

November 8, 2010

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

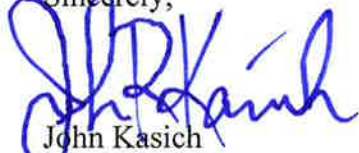
I am writing to inform you that I upon taking office as governor of Ohio on January 10, 2011, I will terminate work on Ohio's passenger rail project, the "3C-QuickStart" program. Further, I have asked Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to immediately terminate all contracts related to Ohio's passenger rail project which received \$400 million in federal funding through the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program (HSIPR).

Passenger rail is not Ohio's most pressing infrastructure concern at this time. Instead, Ohio's existing freight rail and highway transportation infrastructure has significant upgrades needs. Therefore, I request that you make provisions for the \$400 million to be used to support other vital transportation infrastructure projects in Ohio.

In the event that you cannot accede to my request, I ask that you take no actions to spend the funds allocated to Ohio so that these funds can go toward reducing the federal government's \$1.4 trillion deficit.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



John Kasich  
Governor-elect of Ohio