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Dear Ms. Carson:

### **RECOMMENDATION 26-01: PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET AND FUNDING PRIORITIES**

Reference: Letter from D. Carson to G. Simonton, "Recommendation 26-01: Portsmouth (PORTS) Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Budget and Funding Priorities," dated April 22, 2026

This correspondence is written in response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (PORTS SSAB) Recommendation 26-01. We want to thank the PORTS SSAB for its input related to the Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Project and future use.

This recommendation is timely and recognizes the regional challenges and opportunities associated with the large-scale developments planned for the Portsmouth site and surrounding area. We accept this recommendation and support efforts to place southern Ohio in a position to accommodate the growth resulting from reindustrialization with the caveat that the budget is constrained by Congressional funding limits and federal procurement law.

DOE appreciates the work of the PORTS SSAB and looks forward to working on these and other issues as the D&D Project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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