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Arena Grand Theatre, Columbus, OH

State Co-Sponsor: Ohio Climate Change Dialogue Group (members listed below summary)

The Ohio Climate Change Dialogue, entitled “Managing a Changing Climate: Challenges & Opportunities for the Buckeye State,” started at 8:30 a.m. with a brief introduction of the Ohio Climate Change Dialogue Group by Jack Pounds, President of the Ohio Chemistry Technology Council and head of the coalition. Jack introduced the first speaker, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Thomas J. Donohue. Mr. Donohue’s speech focused on the impact of geopolitical events on Ohio’s energy supplies.

Michael Zimmer, Executive in Resident for Energy & Environment at the George V. Voinovich School for Leadership & Public Affairs at Ohio University, followed Mr. Donohue with an overview of the international, national and local responses to climate change. His presentation, “Calls to Action: What is real, what is in the balance?” set the stage for Dr. Margo Thorning’s economic assessment of the specific requirements and economic impacts of the Lieberman-Warner Bill on Ohio’s economy.

The event continued with two panels focusing on the current state of advanced and renewable technologies that will be critical to meeting carbon emissions targets and sustaining Ohio’s economy. The first panel focused on future power generation from traditional sources; speakers represented the Nuclear Energy Institute, Electric Power Research Institute and Edison Electric Institute. The second panel featured representatives from renewable energy sources in Ohio, First Solar, Parker-Hannifin Corporation and American Electric Power.

The dialogue concluded with an address on global climate change legislation by Senator George Voinovich, who discussed the role of technology in meeting Ohio’s energy and environmental challenges. He highlighted reasons why he opposes Lieberman-Warner and shared his goals of introducing programs supporting international cooperation and promoting technology-driven federal policies.

The event was well attended both in quantity and quality of attendees, with 300 people registered for the event.

Ohio Climate Change Dialogue Group:

Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Manufacturers Association
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
American Electric Power
Ohio Cast Metals Association
Ohio Steel Group
Ohio Corn Growers Association
Alliance for Energy & Economic Growth
First Energy
CSX Corporation

Ohio Chemistry Technology Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
American Chemistry Council
Duke Energy
Ohio Petroleum Council
Ohio Municipal Electric Association
National Association of Manufacturers
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Ohio Coal Association