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As part of the Clean Air Promise campaign - a national effort to engage community leaders and citizens in support of the EPA's effort to protect the air we breathe - The Delaware County and Metropolitan Columbus League of Women Voters and the Ohio Clean Air Coalition hosted a Town Hall Meeting at the Delaware County Developmental Disabilities Center on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide a rationale for and history of the Clean Air Act, to discuss the impact of air pollution on public health, and to present one industry's commitment to and strategies for air pollution control. Audience concerns were addressed in an extensive question-answer session.

The speakers for the evening were Bob Hodanbosi, Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, Timothy Buckley, an associate professor of environmental health sciences at the Ohio State University College of Public Health, and Karen Heyob, with the Green Program Initiative from Honda of Marysville. The panel moderator was David Abel, Air Quality Program Coordinator, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

Data Dr. Buckley presented said that 22 million Americans are afflicted with asthma, with a related economic impact of more than \$14 billion a year. In a recent Associated Press release, the United Health Foundation report revealed that Ohio was 36<sup>th</sup> in health ranking in the United States. The study found that Ohio's challenges included high levels of air pollution and relatively low spending on public health programs.

The Ohio and National League of Women Voters and Clean Air Coalition are asking families, business persons, and elected leaders at all levels of government to sign the following simple Promise:

The Promise:

"I promise to protect America's children and families from dangerous air pollution.

"I will support clean air policies and other protections that scientists and public health experts have recommended to the EPA to safeguard our air quality."

Clean air saves lives and reduces health costs. This Clean Air Promise can be signed on-line at [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org), [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), Facebook, or with a representative from your LWV local league.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nancy G. Brown in black ink.

Nancy G. Brown  
Co-President

Handwritten signature of Meg G. Flack in black ink.

Meg G. Flack  
Co-President

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