Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 3, 2009

President Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

As you know, NCR Corporation has recently announced that it will close its worldwide headquarters in Dayton, Ohio resulting in the loss of nearly 1,300 local jobs. NCR will be relocating and centralizing their facilities to Duluth, GA and Columbus, GA. Reportedly, federal stimulus funding will be used by the state of Georgia to buy a facility to house NCR jobs and lease that facility back to NCR.

Recently, the state of Ohio has faced significant economic challenges with the loss of thousands of jobs across the state. Many of these job losses resulted from the closure of General Motors and Delphi Corporation facilities in the Dayton region, the loss of the DHL air hub in Wilmington, Ohio, and the closure of other businesses statewide. The closure of NCR's worldwide headquarters represents further economic losses for Ohio and the Miami Valley region.

We think you would agree that federal stimulus dollars should not be used to allow one state to gain jobs at the expense of another state. It appears federal stimulus funds played a role in NCR's decision to relocate jobs from Ohio and centralize its operations in Georgia. Certainly luring jobs away from one state to another state violates the spirit of this law. We respectfully request that you direct Vice President Joe Biden, who has been tasked to oversee all stimulus spending, to take the steps necessary to prevent this from happening to other regions that are in economic peril. Furthermore, we request, Mr. President, that you respond to whether this is an appropriate use of federal stimulus dollars.

Your staff my contact Joe Heaton with Rep. Turner at 202-225-6465 if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress

John Boehner
Member of Congress

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