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April 17, 2015

The Honorable Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol, Room 216
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment, I write to express my strong disagreement with, and disappointment in, your decision to interfere on behalf of one special interest company in a matter being considered before the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Just before Missouri regulators were set to deliberate, you issued a press release supporting a filing that would provide nearly half-billion dollar bailout for one corporate entity: Noranda Aluminum. The costs for this bailout will be paid by all other electric customers on Ameren Missouri's system. Your actions subordinate the budgets of millions of hard-working Missourians to the bottom-line of a single company controlled by one of the largest hedge fund companies in the world: Apollo Management.

Without specific controls and oversight, which can only be enacted through legislation, hundreds of millions of dollars from hard working Missourians will leave this state and go straight to a New York hedge fund.

I am calling on you to withdraw your support for this bailout and work with the Missouri Senate to pass a meaningful economic development package to help all Missouri businesses, including Noranda, while protecting Missourians.

Sincerely,

Mike Kehoe