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The Ohio Power Siting Board
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To the Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

As the State Representative for much of eastern and southern Lucas County, including my home community of Oregon, OH, I write to wholeheartedly support the approval of the Oregon Energy Center Project. The Project will convert natural gas to electricity, which will further expand Oregon's energy infrastructure and local economy.

The expansion of Oregon's current clean energy initiative is a welcome sign of economic development in our community. The recent addition of the Oregon Clean Energy Center has been a boost to electricity generation for all of Northwest Ohio. In addition to an increase in electricity through interconnection to our community's existing electrical grid, this proposed Project will generate approximately 955 MW. The plant's life cycle is estimated at over 40 years, and with an estimated 22 permanent full-time workers needed to oversee maintenance and operation, Oregon will benefit with the long-term establishment of dozens of good-paying jobs. This does not even factor the peak estimated 850 construction jobs needed to build the plant.

This Project is not only financially beneficial to Oregon – it is also timely. As coal-fired power plants begin to close across Ohio and the United States – including Oregon's legacy Bay Shore plant – we need new, clean, innovative ways to generate electricity. The Oregon Energy Center Project is an excellent proposal that will achieve our goals of putting local people to work and generating clean electricity.

I hope that the Power Siting Board can recognize this Project's numerous benefits to the Oregon community, and that the agreement can be swiftly approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. P. Sheehy".

Michael P. Sheehy
State Representative

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