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Chairman Todd Snitchler  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Subject: Turning Point Solar project

I'm writing to express the support of the Natural Resources Defense Council for the Turning Point Solar project. Ambitious projects like Turning Point show that Ohio is a leader in transforming its infrastructure for the new energy economy.

The development of the project would be a clear victory for Ohio's economy and environment. Sited atop 700 acres of reclaimed mine land and already well-served by transmission infrastructure, the project is a model for the responsible development of energy resources in Ohio. It will create jobs and spillover economic development in parts of the state that need investment. The project will employ 100 construction workers in each of its three phases of development. Another 300 manufacturing workers will be employed by Isofoton North America at its factory in Napoleon. Isofoton is choosing Ohio for its North American headquarters as a result of the project, giving a boost to the existing solar cluster in Northwest Ohio.

The project developers were right to call the project "Turning Point." Not only does it bring jobs to southeast Ohio, it helps establish Ohio's long-term leadership in the new energy economy. We urge you to support the project.

Regards,



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