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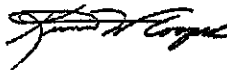
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more than 300 jobs per year. Over 100 construction jobs will be created in each of the three phases of the project. These jobs are badly needed in an area that is desperate for economic development and growth in the State of Ohio. Even with the strong prospects of the oil and gas industry, these jobs will be filled, almost without exception, by Ohio residents.

In addition, the developers of the project have advised us that approximately 85% of the goods and services required for the construction of the project will come from Ohio based companies, beginning with the acquisition of close to 250,000 solar panels from a Napoleon, Ohio based supplier, that again will strengthen Ohio and Ohio families by creating more jobs. This supplier, Isofoton North America, agreed to locate its factory in Napoleon when this order was secured. When fully operational, we are advised that more than 300 permanent manufacturing jobs will be created at this plant in Napoleon, Ohio.

The benefits of this project will be primarily enjoyed by rural and small town residents in economically challenged parts of Southeast Ohio and with the Napoleon plant, in Northwestern Ohio, as well. It is for this reason and our support of job creation in Ohio, that the I.B.E.W. strongly supports this project and urges its swift approval by the Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Cooper
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