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PUCO Chair Snitchler

I was shocked to see that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio recently rejected AEP Ohio's proposal to develop the Turning Point solar project. This decision is a step in the wrong direction for Ohio's economy and environment.

As you know, Southeast Ohio's economy has struggled to climb out of the recession. The unemployment rate in Noble county stands at 9.3%, among the highest in the state. Many of the surrounding counties are even worse off. Turning Point would be a step towards reversing that by creating over 100 local jobs during each of the three phases of the project.

The economic impact of this ruling is just the tip of the iceberg.

When you took office two years ago, you promised to make Ohio a more business friendly state.

Ultimately, the success or failure of Turning Point will be a symbol of your vision of Ohio.

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