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Subject: Birch Solar Letter

Please find attached my letter to the OPSB in support of the Birch Solar project in Northwest Ohio. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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January 5, 2021

Docketing Division
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Birch Solar: 20-1605-EL-BGN

Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am submitting this letter of support for the Birch Solar project's application with the Ohio Power Siting Board. I grew up in Shawnee Township, where my parents still live, and where I call home. A clean energy project is an exciting opportunity for the greater-Lima region for a number of reasons—including local jobs, significant revenue for our schools, and overall carbon reductions.

The Birch Solar team has been working extensively with Shawnee landowners and farmers to develop a clean energy facility on their land. They have put an enormous amount of time and effort into talking with community members and listening to our concerns. They intend to invest hundreds of millions of dollars into our community's future, which will significantly boost tax revenue to local schools and public services. All in all, this project will create local jobs and bring exciting new technologies to Northwest Ohio.

As a community, we should be proud to work with the Birch Solar team to ensure a clean energy future for our home. We all know that energy and agriculture have been vital parts of Allen County's history. We've been leaders in these areas before, and we can do it again. I think we owe it to the next generation to support Birch Solar in a meaningful way and explore the possible benefits of a clean energy future with the help of our farmers.

Again, this is a wonderful opportunity to create jobs, clean up our energy grid, boost tax revenue, and ensure a healthier future for our children and grandchildren. I urge your favorable consideration for this exciting development in the greater-Lima region.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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