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Columbus is positioning itself as a leader in climate in order to attract more investment and be seen as a community open to clean tech innovation. The Ohio State University is trying to position itself as a leader in this space as well with research and educational programs focused on climate and clean tech. Building a new CHP plant that will be powered by natural gas is a step away from competitiveness, innovation, and public health. Why invest in an outdated natural gas system when you could invest in renewable energy like solar? What kind of message does this plan send to potential students, current students, alumni, and the community? If OSU is serious about public health, innovation, and climate justice - they will invest in renewable energy, not polluting fossil fuels. As a proud resident of Columbus, I am not in support of this project and highly encourage OSU to rethink this plan.

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