Chair Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Birch Solar proposal in my county of Allen has become the fulcrum for change in Ohio's energy policy. I feel strongly that this project represents a powerful step forward, and I urge you to also support it.

Utility-scale solar power generation benefits all of Ohio, but revenue generated by the Birch Solar project amounts to a significant boost for township and county residents. We would be foolish to let the company take this industry elsewhere.

Large-scale solar installations offer farmers the chance to diversify and strengthen their operations at a time when farm income is increasingly precarious. Once in place, this happens without any noise or pollution, at a cost that beats any other newly constructed power generation—now without the subsidies that made the technology viable. And after thirty years, the land can be easily returned to its present condition if some other need emerges. This is an industry we NEED contributing to the economy of Allen county!

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