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Hello

I am a nurse practitioner in Lima Ohio. I want to share my support for alternative Energy. I also want you to recognize the detrimental impact burning fossil fuel has on us, our health and well being. Statistics confirm the challenges air pollution has on those with asthma and lung disease. Particulate matter in the air also plays a role in low birth weight and infant mortality, which is a major concern in Ohio. Not only will this project and Ohio's laws relating to alternative Energy projects affect our ability as a nation to move away from fossil fuels which is a necessary step in being a world leader and doing the best for our country, population, and our planet. This project will bring around 400 good-paying construction jobs to northwest Ohio, with most of them being tapped from the Lima area reports The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 32 in Lima.

The project is anticipated to deliver nearly 600,000 megawatt hours of renewable energy annually into the local AEP grid.

"Once operational, Birch Solar will be the largest single revenue generator in Allen County for schools and local governments, entities that have few sources for creating new revenue other than increasing our taxes," said Michael Wildermuth, Shawnee Township Resident and ACRE representative, in the press conference. "From our perspective, we'd rather encourage economic development, adding new businesses who are excited to partner with our community while bringing new revenues to schools, township, and county."

Please do the right thing to ensure our community does not miss out on this opportunity to continue leading in energy with this move toward the future.

Rae Neal APRN
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