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Chipmunk Solar Project
c/o Matt Butler, Administrative Officer
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Dear Mr. Butler,

Please file the following letter as a comment on Ohio Power Siting Board Case # 21-960-EL-BGN.

I am writing to you today to indicate my support for the proposed Chipmunk Solar project being developed by Geenex Solar and EDF Renewables. I do not personally stand to benefit from this solar farm. However, various members of my family do. I also wholeheartedly believe that the entire state of Ohio, the entire country, as well as the entire world stand to benefit from solar projects like these. Consequently, encouraging and maximizing the development and use of solar energy in our great state is a wonderful thing.

First and foremost, this project will create a consistent income for various members of my family that they have never been able to achieve through farming alone. The financial security of my extended family depends on them being allowed to maximize the income of their property, free of interference from neighbors.

Speaking of the neighbors to the project, they will benefit greatly as well. They will see significant increases in tax revenue not only for the entire county, but particularly for the local school district. The broader local economy will also benefit. Local businesses of today (think construction, hospitality, food, and beverage) as well as future business of tomorrow (think of jobs in renewable energy – in the construction and maintenance of renewable energy and technology related to the storing and transmission of energy) will all experience profound growth as a result of this project.

Even though I am not currently a "neighbor" of the project, I was born and raised in southwest Pickaway County. Even now, I remain a proud citizen of Ohio; and Ohio does seek to benefit substantially from the project as well. Currently, Ohio is a net importer of energy and desperately needs more local sources of energy. Because of global warming and climate change, our world cannot handle much more CO2 emissions that come from traditional sources of energy (i.e., the burning of fossil fuels). Solar farms are a great way for the state to increase local creation of clean energy without any detriment to the local or global environment. Solar farms are quiet and do not generate any emissions or air pollutants into the atmosphere. Also, taking farmland out of its current use (on a temporary basis) allows the local farmland and watershed to have a break from the spraying of various pesticides,

fungicides, and fertilizers on an annual basis that can be harmful to the soil as well as contribute to toxic algae blooms hundreds of miles away.

I understand that there are a number of local residents in close proximity to the project that fear what change this new solar farm may bring, but I just wanted to share that I am proud that my family is participating in a project that will provide a positive economic AND environmental impact to the entire state. I am also excited that my hometown may play a role in the clean energy economy of the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Willmore". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jane" and last name "Willmore" clearly legible.

Jane Willmore