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Subject: Public comment for Harvey Solar Project

Hello!

My name is Madeline Wilson & I'd like to submit a public comment in regards to the Harvey Solar project. Attached is my intended comment, let me know what other information you will need.

Thank you,
Madeline

I am writing in support of the Harvey Solar Project in Licking County Ohio.

As a young adult, I am fearful of the security of my generation's future. I am an undergraduate student at the Ohio State University studying sustainability. Every day in class, I am confronted with the challenges that humanity is currently facing and will continue to face during the 21st century. Chiefly, our response to the many concurrent environmental problems we have created.

We need renewable energy, and we need it now. For too long, our nation has dragged its feet in accepting what is known: our dependence on fossil fuels is harming our security and future. Even disregarding the environmental impacts that come from using fossil fuel as our chief source of energy, we cannot deny that one day, the fuels will run out. It will take more and more effort to keep drilling deeper, and the increasing scarcity will cause prices to rise. Money will continue to flow to the most corrupt governments using oil as leverage since we are so heavily dependent on it. When do we say enough is enough? So long as we are dependent on oil, we will be vulnerable to manipulation by countries like Russia.

Establishing utility-scale solar is a matter of protecting our freedom.. The oil we use travels halfway across the globe to reach us. Instead, solar allows us to produce energy locally, making our communities more self-sufficient. As a lifelong Ohioan, I am very excited to see the potential of Ohio being revitalized by renewable energy projects. In the last 10 years, the inputs to solar panels have dropped 90% in costs. This project in particular is going to help many families diversify their assets, earning royalties from the energy that is produced on their lands. In addition, the tax revenue is large enough to revitalize local schools, police, and fire.

The longer we stall in establishing a renewable energy base, the more unstable our future will be. I cannot emphasize enough the disappointment I'd feel if this project were to be blocked by community members who have been misled about the implications of solar. This project is a major step towards keeping Ohio resilient in the face of a changing climate, ensuring stable electricity for future generations.

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