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Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am writing in support of the South Branch Solar farm. I live in the community where the project will be located and support the opportunity to have the project in our community.

Solar farms are safe, with no air pollution, no water pollution, and no emissions. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, few power-generating technologies have as little an environmental impact as solar. As we look at growing our community in a meaningful way, South Branch Solar will add significant value by creating jobs, providing sustainable revenue, and hosting a best-in-class facility that moves our country and state in the right direction.

We are fortunate to live in a state that manufacturers, develops, and uses homegrown, clean energy. Ohio farmers are diversifying their operations, and by using their land to generate energy, they are also producing revenue for our community that is significantly more than under CAUV. This should lessen the need for increased levies that rely on property taxes from our citizens, especially those on fixed incomes.

Leeward Energy has been a dedicated community leader and will be the long-term owner of the facility. We welcome the South Branch Solar farm into our community, and we ask that you at the Ohio Power Siting Board approve the project.

Sincerely,

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