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**From:** Frank Caprilla  
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**To:** Butler, Matthew <[matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please consider this into public comments

Dear OPSB,

Here is a copy from a Lima News ad that ran last week. This ad shows over 60 signatures from community members that support the Birch Solar 1 project. This ad clearly demonstrates the public opinion is evenly distributed, and not one sided as those against would like you to believe.

Frank A. Caprilla  
Project Neighbor

# Join us in supporting clean energy for **Allen and Auglaize Counties** along with the jobs and tax money for our schools that it can bring!

We're a group of your neighbors who believe in locally generated renewable electricity for America's energy security and independence. Equally important to us is the decarbonization of our electric grid with clean energy so we can all breathe easier.

To support these goals, local residents have been advocating for solar energy including the Birch Solar project and the benefits it can bring to our community, including:



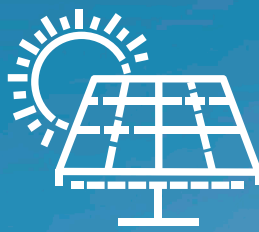
**\$2.7**  
MILLION/YEAR

of new revenue for local schools and public services such as our fire department and emergency response services



**400**  
LOCAL JOBS

approximately half of which will be local union workers to build the solar project



**400,000+**  
METRIC TONS

of polluting carbon emissions abated each year



**\$300+**  
MILLION

private capital investment that will fully fund 300 megawatts of new, modern and clean electricity infrastructure for Ohio

The Birch Solar team has received comments and suggestions from many local community groups and has worked closely with the community to incorporate design enhancements, vegetation, and other elements into the project to blend the panels into the community aesthetic. Thousands of trees will be planted in the area which will add vibrancy and biodiversity.

We ask the Ohio Power Siting Board and our local officials to stand with all of us in their community who support the project – our local landowners, workers, and residents – by saying

## 'YES' TO BIRCH SOLAR.

JOIN US BY SENDING AN EMAIL THAT SAYS "I SUPPORT BIRCH SOLAR!" TO

[matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov)

### SIGNED BY YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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|--|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Michael Wildermuth</b> ,<br>Manager, Allen Auglaize<br>Coalition for Reasonable<br>Energy | <b>Mayor Sharetta Smith</b> ,<br>City of Lima  | <b>Paul Neufeld Weaver</b> | <b>Jane Hankins</b>        | <b>Kathleen Baril</b>     | <b>Raymond F. Person, Jr.</b> |
| <b>Michael Ruppert</b> ,<br>Business Manager, IBEW<br>Local 32                               | <b>Mike Schulte</b> , Indiana/<br>Kentucky/Ohio Regional<br>Council of Carpenters<br>Business Representative | <b>Sharon Wildermuth</b>   | <b>Eric Broughton</b>      | <b>Misty Caprilla</b>     | <b>Chris Morrissey</b>        |
| <b>Phil Martino</b> , President,<br>Shawnee Football<br>Parents Association                  | <b>Frank Caprilla</b> ,<br>Community Advisory<br>Team Member for<br>Shawnee Schools                          | <b>Aimee Bucher</b>        | <b>Sandra Kich</b>         | <b>Marin Luria Harbur</b> | <b>Rory Stauber</b>           |
| <b>Michelle Kahle</b> ,<br>Treasurer, Shawnee<br>Football Parents<br>Association             | <b>Jerry Cooper</b> , Shawnee<br>Head Football Coach   | <b>Leslie Rigali</b>       | <b>John Foster</b>         | <b>Stefani Lammers</b>    | <b>Gail Clingerman</b>        |
|  | <b>Carpenters Local 372</b>  | <b>Wendy Chappell-Dick</b> | <b>Bev Foster</b>          | <b>Jeannine Jordan</b>    | <b>Dr. Lauren H. Logan</b>    |
|  | <b>Perry Bush</b>  | <b>Andy Chappell-Dick</b>  | <b>Lisa Robeson</b>        | <b>Joe Rodriguez</b>      | <b>Katie Campbell</b>         |
|  |  | <b>Marvin Foster</b>       | <b>Garry Mosier</b>        | <b>Mark Decker</b>        | <b>Preema D'Souza</b>         |
|  |  | <b>Holly Norton</b>        | <b>Conner Walden</b>       | <b>Tobias S. Buckell</b>  | <b>Barrett Feigh, Sr.</b>     |
|  |  | <b>Selena Grant</b>        | <b>Nancy Kohli</b>         | <b>Monica Harnish</b>     | <b>Ruth Feigh</b>             |
|  |  | <b>Maya Fischhoff</b>      | <b>LeAnn Kinnaird</b>      | <b>Steve Harnish</b>      | <b>Barrett Feigh, Jr.</b>     |
|  |  | <b>Steve Schmidt</b>       | <b>Elizabeth Anne Eley</b> | <b>Mitch Kingsley</b>     | <b>Jennefer Walden</b>        |
|  |  | <b>Alex Rodabaugh</b>      | <b>Chandler Golden</b>     | <b>Jan Wiebe</b>          | <b>Julie Shellhammer</b>      |
|  |  | <b>Sheila Turunen</b>      | <b>Richard Siferd</b>      | <b>Jonathan Andreas</b>   | <b>Rick Shellhammer</b>       |

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