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Matt Butler  
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Re: South Branch Solar  
Case #21-0669-EL-BGN  
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I wanted to follow-up on a previous letter I sent to the Board supporting the South Branch Solar project in Hancock County (Case #21-0669-EL-BGN).

As the Development Director for the Fort Findlay Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Foundation in Findlay, Ohio, I've had the opportunity to work on numerous occasions with representatives of South Branch Solar. Specifically, South Branch has generously supported both our annual Halloween parade and Cops and Kids Go Shopping event for the past two years. Funds raised through both of these events go towards the important cause of supporting active, retired, and fallen FOP members and their families.

By helping sponsor these valuable community events, South Branch Solar has proven themselves to be a generous, supportive, and community-minded organization that's already made a tremendous positive impact in Findlay and Hancock County. Organizations such as this which immediately become involved and positively impact the community are critical to the future of counties like ours.

South Branch has not only invested financially in our programming, but participated as well. In 2021 they prepared a solar-themed float and marched in our parade. They used local resources to produce the float and engaged local children in parade participation. Members of South Branch have also volunteered their time to participate in Cops & Kids Go Shopping. Over 125 children each year are selected to participate in this program and without the financial and personal support of South Branch Solar, that number could be cut significantly. These efforts have all been made while South Branch Solar is attempting to become a permanent fixture in our community. I am very excited to see what happens next and therefore I urge the Board to vote in favor of the proposed South Branch Solar facility plant in Hancock County.

Sincerely,



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