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I am writing to voice my support for the Oak Run Solar Project and Oak Run Solar Transmission Line in Madison County. According to news coverage, this has the potential to be the largest utility scale solar project in the country, generating 800 MW of clean energy with 300 MW of battery storage and a 3.5 mile transmission line. The project would occupy about 440 acres of a 6050-acre project area and generate enough energy to power about 170,000 homes.

Madison County stands to make extensive economic gains from this project, which represents an investment of at least \$1 billion by developer Savion. Tax revenues are estimated to range between \$242 million and \$504 million over the 30- to 35-year life of the facility -- 60% of which would fund local school districts. Building the project would result in the creation of over 3,000 construction jobs over three years, with 63 permanent operations and maintenance jobs.

I am especially intrigued by the opportunity for incorporating agrivoltaics in the project area. Agrivoltaics is the practice of locating agricultural production in a solar energy facility. Other agrivoltaic projects have incorporated native prairie plants for pollinators, bee keeping, sheep grazing, and hay production. The development of agrivoltaics has just begun, and this project would provide a lot of space to learn how solar energy and different types of agricultural production can work together for the benefit of both.

I hope you approve the Oak Run Solar Project, as well as its battery storage and transmission line, for the good of our environment, our local economy, and our energy development.

Cathy Cowan Becker

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