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The IKORCC family, including Apprentices, Journeymen, Representatives, and Staff would like to express their support of the Oak Run Solar project and Savion Energy as the Developer. Projects like this enable our members to work close to home and offer opportunities to local people to join our organization and learn a skilled trade and begin a great career. These individuals will be able to reinvest into their communities throughout their career. Our apprenticeship will teach them the piling, racking, and module install specific for this project, but we also train them on concrete forms, layout, framing, scaffold building, blueprint reading, and a dozen other skills that will prepare them for a 30+ year career in the construction industry that will provide insurance for a family, a livable wage, and a retirement plan. As a developer, Savion has proven their commitment to hiring responsible EPC's and subcontractors who pay area standard wages and benefits to their employees. We believe our contractors will be able to competitively bid on and procure this work. We have over 200 members who currently live in Madison County, most of which travel to larger municipalities i.e., Columbus and Cincinnati for work. What this project means to them is they are home. Home for ball games, dance recitals, birthday parties, movies, date nights, whatever you want to call it, it's building a stronger family. As a Labor Organization, being able to send members to a jobsite in the county they live in is our ultimate goal. The agents who represent our council also participate in community outreach, putting on job fairs, speaking at area high schools, Ohio Means Jobs events and multiple other ways presenting the opportunity to hire as many local residents as possible to work on these projects.

There are many reasons for OPSB to approve this project from added local income, better schools, roads, police, fire, clean energy, economic development, etc. All are great reasons, and benefit everyone in the community. The members of the IKORCC support this project because it offers jobs, careers, and a pathway to the middle class for many local families and investing in their community.

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