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Scott Zeimetz, Chief Development Officer
Jeff James, Senior Vice President – Commercial Transactions
Savion LLC
Matt Butler, Ohio Power Siting Board

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RE: Toyota Interest in Solar Development in Ohio

Dear Mr. Zeimetz,

Based on discussion, and your inquiry regarding Toyota's interest in further development of solar power generation in Ohio, I can advise Toyota is interested in Ohio solar. Toyota is interested in the Oak Run Solar project, and projects like it.

Toyota has been in Ohio for almost decades now. A generation of Toyota team members have passed through the Parts Distribution Center in Cincinnati. And today Toyota is poised to produce the next generation of world class, high tech, ultra-low emission vehicles and powertrains to meet the demand for these vehicles in North America and around the world. As we transition our products to a zero emissions future, we are also transitioning our operations to zero emissions. Toyota announced that we will be Carbon Neutral in our operations by 2035, to include all operations of any type in North America. And it will include our suppliers. Renewable electricity is a very key part of what is necessary in this transition for Toyota directly, and for our supply base. It is imperative. We have undertaken to contract for renewable electricity using all means available to us.

Since the start of operations in the United States, Toyota has become an integral part of the culture and social fabric in the locale where we operate. TMNA represents \$1.7B in direct and indirect investment in Ohio. The TMNA Ohio Parts Distribution Center serves as a regional hub for distribution. Toyota Financial Services has offices in Ohio also, and supports 47 dealerships with financial and insurance needs. TMNA purchases 15 parts from suppliers located in Ohio, and overall is responsible for 3,368 direct and indirect Ohio jobs. TMNA supports our communities through many philanthropic engagements such as Ohio Cancer Research, the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. As we transition to a zero emissions company, we will continue to seek opportunities to engage with our communities and business partners to join us in this transition. We certainly welcome those opportunities in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by:

David Absher

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