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To the members of the OPSB:

My name is Sarah Spence, and I am the Executive Director for the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum (OHCEF). OHCEF was founded in 2015 to provide a forum for conservatives to discuss a diverse, all-of-the-above energy portfolio – one that includes not only existing sources of traditional energy generation, but one that also seeks to expand the development of clean and renewable energy sources. OHCEF believes that clean energy and energy made clean through technology can strengthen both our economy and our national security while providing unmatched opportunities for innovation and job creation.

As an Ohioan, I encourage you to approve the Oak Run Solar Project (Case No. 22-0549-EL-BGN). Ohio is currently the second largest energy importer in the country. Approving the Oak Run Solar Project will help increase Ohio's generation capacity and move Ohio toward becoming a net exporter of energy. More made-in-Ohio energy will allow us to be less reliant on energy produced in other states and countries, and will improve our economic outlook.

This project will bring nearly 1,200 jobs to Madison County during construction. It will provide almost \$130 million in revenue to local schools over the life of the project, and more than \$5 million to be split among Deercreek, Monroe, and Somerford Townships. Additionally, it will generate nearly \$81 million to various Madison County services.

It's also important to note how vital renewable energy development is to attracting businesses. Companies across the globe and right here in Ohio are looking to diversify their energy sources to include more clean energy. Intel's \$20 billion semiconductor plant in Licking County will be constructed to be powered 100% with renewable energy. 5/3 Bank became the first bank to use 100% renewable energy for its operations through a power purchase agreement. AEP plans to add more than 10,000 megawatts of new renewable resources to its generation portfolio by 2030. More than 110,000 Ohioans are employed by the clean energy industry.

I encourage you to approve Oak Run Solar. This solar farm will increase Ohio's energy independence by generating more electricity right here at home. It will provide significant revenue for local schools and local governments, without putting more strain on local taxpayers or current infrastructure. It will help to attract more job creators to Ohio, driving investment further into our communities.

Sincerely,

Sarah Spence
Executive Director

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