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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm a worker on the Madison Fields Solar Project writing in support of the proposed Oak Run Solar Project. I can attest that Savion is a responsible developer. We're going above and beyond everyday to provide a quality product at Madison Fields and the Oak Run project can be expected to build upon this solid base.

For example, Madison Fields saw minimal grading compared to other projects on similar ground. We only had to cut/fill less than 3% of what another project in the area of equal size moved. The vast majority of Madison Fields received no grading. In fact, you can still see crop residue from prior harvests, and the field was planted with wheat as a cover crop in construction areas and it looks amazing!

Another unique feature that Savion included in Madison Fields is an agrivoltaics-ready portion of the project. While the entire project will be seeded with a hayable, grazable mix, extra steps were taken to provide a research zone to work with The Ohio State University to effectively investigate engineering modifications for full-scale replication on other utility-scale sites. This is just one example of how Savion goes above and beyond in their project designs.

I can vouch that if Oak Run is approved, it will be a top-shelf development that will set the standard of excellence in the industry and lead to global innovations in the partnership of farming and solar. I hope the board will give the project its approval.

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