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Mink Solar OPSB Case #: 23-0713-EL-BGN

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Mink Solar Project being developed by Geenex Solar. I am in favor of renewable energy development in general, and this project in particular. I support it as a landowner, a parent, and a local citizen.


The world's energy needs are rapidly growing. Ohio net imports over 25% of its electricity and we must play a role in diversifying our energy mix. All forms of energy create benefits for our society and the economy, but they also come with some degree of costs – and renewable energy is no different. As a life-long farmer, I've always been proud of the contribution U.S. agriculture makes in terms of food, fiber, and fuel. America leads the world in food production, and we can also lead in clean energy production. Land that is used to grow corn for ethanol production can also be used to create clean electricity.

Mink Solar will also provide tremendous benefit to our local schools. As a patriotic American, I believe strongly in ensuring our kids are well educated. Labor is the biggest expense for any school system, and labor costs go up every year. Revenues from renewable energy development offer a valuable new revenue source that will benefit schools and children without increasing the tax burden on local residents.

In summary, I believe the Mink Solar Project will be very beneficial to Defiance and Paulding County, and I encourage you to vote in favor of it.

Sincerely,

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