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

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I write in support of the proposed Mink Solar Project in Defiance and Paulding counties, OH. I believe this project will provide great benefits to our community and have listed several reasons why you should consider approving this project.

- Solar will increase revenues for our community. Property taxes paid by solar farms generate revenue in the millions of dollars for the counties and communities they are built in, helping fund schools, services, and other public works without asking for any services in return.
- Solar creates business within the local supply chain. Businesses in construction, hospitality, food and beverage, and many other operations benefit from years of increased business thanks to the construction and ongoing operations of solar facilities.
- Solar provides a predictable revenue stream for property owners. Long-term leases and predictable income could mean greater investments and spending within the area, providing benefits to the community that exceed the benefits to the landowner alone.
- Solar farms do not emit gases and have very little environmental impact. The posts are secured by being driven into the ground instead of using concrete. The farmland is allowed to rest, remain grassland, and is then returned to its original state after decommissioning.
- Since solar panels have a low profile, setbacks and vegetative screening can be used around areas of the solar farm boundary to mitigate viewshed concerns.
- As we look at alternatives to traditional land use, solar farms are an excellent option to preserve agricultural land when compared to other industrial options such as housing or recreation, while at the same time decreasing environmental concerns.

For the reasons listed above, as well as many others, I support Mink Solar and encourage you, as the permitting authority for Ohio, to do the same. Thank you for this opportunity to write to you and I hope you make the right decision by approving Mink Solar for construction in Defiance and Paulding counties, OH.

Sincerely,

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