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**SHANE WILKIN**  
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**RE: Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 21-1090-EL-BGN**

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Shane Wilkin and I am the State Senator of the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District. The 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District covers nine and half counties including Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Vinton and half of Perry. One thing that many of these counties have in common is the uptick of solar facilities. Unfortunately, in my time as State Senator, I have seen many poorly constructed solar facilities. However, today I write regarding a project that has proper setbacks.

Specifically, the facility that I am speaking of is the Circleville Solar Generation Facility in Pickaway County. The Circleville Solar Generation Facility, Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) **Case No. 21-1090-EL-BGN**, has ensured that 98% of the project fence line is sited greater than 1,000 feet from public roads and that some sides of the setback is greater than 2,000 feet. Just for reference, OSPB only requires a minimum setback of 150 feet from a public road and 300 feet from a residence. Therefore, this facility has six times the required minimum setback. In addition, the project area was reduced from 756 to 619 acres, which is a 19+% reduction. Finally, landowners also intend to farm the setback areas. All and all, the Circleville Solar Generation Facility is the "poster child" for proper setbacks in rural Ohio.

In the end, I do not write to you today to force anyone's hands in approving this project. Furthermore, Pickaway County must be involved in the decision making process as this project will directly affect them. However, in my capacity, I felt it was necessary to express that setbacks like the ones that the Circleville Solar Generation Facility has in place will go along way in making solar, if accepted by the local community, more acceptable in Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane Wilkin".

Shane Wilkin  
Ohio State Senator 17<sup>th</sup> District

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