<u>12th House District</u> All of Pickaway County and Madison County, and a portion of Franklin County.

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Chair Jenifer French Ohio Power Siting Board 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Oak Run Solar Generation Facility, OPSB Case No. 22-0549-EL-BGN

Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I serve as State Representative for Ohio's 12th District which includes all of Madison County. In that role, I have come to know the community and its elected leaders and have been able to see firsthand the community's view of the pending application for the Oak Run Solar Project.

The Madison County Board of Commissioners, the three affected townships, and nearly 1,000 local residents have submitted formal comments making clear that they oppose this project. In the 134th General Assembly, the legislature passed Senate Bill 52, which allows the Board of County Commissioners to prohibit large-scale projects of this type within their counties. The Madison County Board of Commissioners has now done so.

In my view, approving the Oak Run Solar Project, in the face of such overwhelming opposition from the community and its elected leaders, would violate the spirit of SB52, and the application should be denied.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Stewart State Representative

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