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**Stephanie L. Kunze**  
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Dear Chair French,

I write in general support of the Oak Run Solar Project in Madison County.

As I've previously commented this board, every energy generation project, regardless of fuel source or generation type, has its detractors and supporters. Senate Bill 52 created additional siting provisions and also included a grandfather clause for projects that had reached a certain point in development and significant investment.

The Oak Run Solar Project is one of those grandfathered projects.

As central Ohio continues to grow and becomes a prime location for investment in the 21st century economy, I believe this project will help power these investments. The project will also generate significant tax revenue to Madison county school districts which will relieve local taxpayers' property taxes. The project will generate over \$4 million in additional school funding for the local districts annually.

Additionally, this project represents a \$1 billion investment into my district that will result in the creation of 1,500 construction jobs. Ohio needs to welcome investment and support job creation.

I sincerely hope that the Ohio Power Siting Board approves the Oak Run Solar approves this solar project as it will signal to investors Ohio's openness to investments in both energy investment to power Central Ohio's growth and investments in K-12 funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Kunze". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Stephanie Kunze  
State Senator  
16th Ohio Senate District

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