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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

As a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 540, I am writing to express my support for the Stark Solar Project (Case #23-0931-EL-BGN) in Stark County, Ohio. This is a local project that is personal to me, my career, and my family. IBEW represents over 820,000 members active and retired nationwide. 20,000 of these members are proud Ohioans and we have over 700 of those members living right here. IBEW members work on a wide variety of projects and industries, currently more than 85% of our members work on energy projects. We build and maintain power plants of all kinds, including the critical transmission infrastructure that connects it all and brings it right to your home. You might say we keep the lights on.

We are your neighbors, little league coaches, community volunteers and friends. We come to work, do our jobs. However, the issue in front of us regarding the Stark Solar project has the potential to impact our paychecks, our livelihoods, and our community's future. We are committed to the creation of good union jobs that pay family-sustaining wages that help Ohioans establish a dignified career in a skilled trade. The Stark Solar project would directly support our local electricians and other skilled laborers in our community. And the simple truth is the work we do benefits the local community we work, live, and spend our money in.

This project isn't just about today; it's about shaping our future. When you hear about the Stark Solar Project, remember it's not just about energy; it's about your neighbors, friends, and fellow community members working together to build a strong future for Stark County. The support of the Stark Solar project signifies that Stark County values local economic development, private property rights, and sustained revenue for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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