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Governor Mike DeWine
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

We write to you today to urge you to veto Senate Bill 52. If enacted, this legislation will unfairly impose on the clean energy market and infringe on personal property rights. We urge you to veto Senate Bill 52 for the following reasons:

1. **It will make it harder for renewable energy to enter the power generation market and will keep utility costs higher than necessary for all Ohioans.** By erecting barriers to and injecting uncertainty in solar and wind development, it will significantly curtail supply of the most affordably priced generation available and therefore drive-up costs for everyone. Embrace capitalism. Let the market work.
2. **SB 52 tramples on personal property rights,** which has led to Ohio Farm Bureau opposition throughout the entire legislative process. In the already volatile business of agriculture, it is in no one's best interest to remove a source of stable revenue for farmers that could last for decades.
3. **SB 52 could cost Ohio thousands of jobs and billions in private investments.** On March 23, 2021, Alex Fischer of the Columbus Partnership provided opponent testimony to SB 52 in the House Public Utilities Committee. Mr. Fischer explained his opposition by saying the following: *"Currently, the Columbus Region has more than 15 companies considering capital investment amounts of over \$14 billion dollars, in turn creating over 20,000 jobs. Each of those investment opportunities either require or prefer renewables as the source of energy."*
4. **The Ohio Power Siting Board process already works.** The Ohio Power Siting Board Process was described in Ohio House Committee testimony as already being, "the most robust, thorough, time-intensive, and expensive state siting board processes in the country." Indeed, in May, the House Public Utilities Committee heard from Theresa White, the Executive Director of the Ohio Power Siting Board—during which she told members that a typical application will contain roughly 1,500 pages, a significant portion of which will be technical documents and as many as 30 separate studies.

This bill will harm Ohioans and we kindly request that you veto it.

Sincerely,



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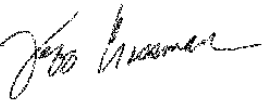
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