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Venango Township
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Dear Township Supervisors & Attorney Angelone:

Please accept this letter of support for Wilson Solar's plan to develop an 80MW "solar farm" in Venango Township.

Solar farms are growing in development throughout the United States due to ever-increasing need for more energy to support manufacturing automation, electric vehicles, and the growing use of electronic devices and controls in homes and business. Additionally, green energy projects are being encouraged to compliment the coal, gas, and nuclear energy production in the United States.

Business expansion project proposals received by our office in 2023 have all required substantial power – 25MW to 300MW. While the impetus for this solar farm may not be to service business expansion in Venango Township, the demand for the power generated by this project cannot be debated. Wilson Solar has assembled over 1100 acres involving 15 parcels from six landowners. The willingness of these long-time landowners to sell their property for such a project should be viewed as a recognition that such a project is needed and is good for the comprehensive environment of the region, not as a get rich quick scheme.

While Wilson Solar's project will not generate a large volume of jobs, it will generate tax revenue for the Township and school district with limited demand or impact on water and sewer systems, public safety, school population, or transportation arteries.

The ERCGP recognizes that some will lament the change in landscape of Venango Township with such a project. Those are valid concerns and should be recognized and respected. However, we believe given the minimal impact to daily life, community infrastructure, and public safety – combined with the collective will of existing property owners to support the development of a green energy project – that the project is worthy of your full support.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob A. Rouch".

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