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Dear Members of the Siting Board,

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From my position at the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, I've seen how economic development like Thoroughbred Solar can help retain existing businesses and bolster new growth in our region. I'm an advocate for the project because of this perspective. New industries, like the rapidly growing solar energy sector, are exactly what's needed in Hart County. As manufacturers and other job creators across Kentucky look for renewable energy to power their businesses, Thoroughbred Solar will encourage economic development. This development will have a broad impact on the economy not just in Hart County, but in the State of Kentucky.

This project will contribute to the financial stability of the local area. Increased landowner income, job creation, and new tax revenues will drive this improved stability. The boost to the industry will be felt throughout the county and reverberate through state-wide and regional supply chains for materials, equipment, and personnel. New business can be expected from hosting a renewable energy project, which is in high demand from top industries right here in Kentucky.

Thoroughbred Solar invests in Hart County beyond the economics. Since joining our community, they've partnered with the Hart County Fair, the Hart County Historical Society, and the Cattlemen's Association. Their support of these organizations shows that they are invested in a thriving community. By approving this project, we're saying "yes" to participating in the developing 21st-century energy economy and reversing the trend of rural decline that we see in communities like ours across America. I'm confident that approving Thoroughbred Solar is the right direction for Hart County.

Sincerely,

Kaylie Butler | Executive Director, Hart County Chamber of Commerce