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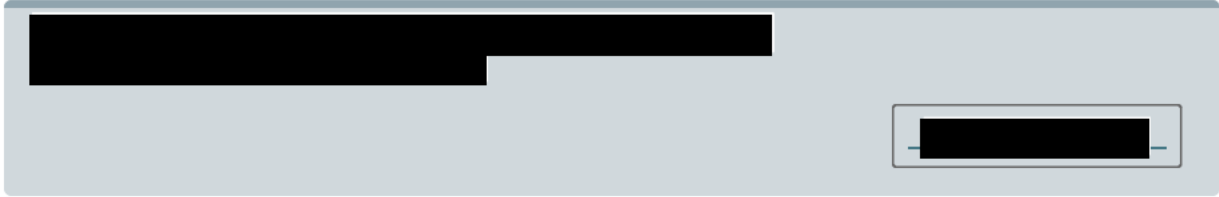
The CMRCC family, including Apprentices, Journeymen, Representatives, and Staff would like to express their support of the Dogwood Corners Solar project (Case Number 2023-00246) and Oriden LLC as the Developer. As a Ohio County KY Resident and Christian County being one of many surrounding counties that I cover, I would love to see this project approved, Projects like this gives our members that live in Christian and the surrounding counties a chance to get on a project in their backdoor instead of having to drive to work in TN and IN. these project usually consist of more manpower then we have in an area which we bring more members in and we try to recruit in the area of the project at hand which gives men and women a chance to get in our apprenticeship program that will give them a 30+ plus year career with great benefits including health insurance, pension, annuity, and a trade they can work anywhere in the United States with. We all heard of the myths that these projects are short term employment, and they are toxic to the environment, and they decreased surrounding property value, and they take away great farmland from the community, The Truth is our organization are building these solar farms all across the US and they are myths. Most of the crop land that is being used was producing corn that is making ethanol which isn't that great for our environment. There is no scientific study found that shows just a solar panel sitting in the field is hurting the environment, there is however a lot of other scientific evidence shown that every other energy option are polluting our environment as a father with twin boys that are 6 years old this is a concern of mine with their future and what kind of world they are going to grow up in, Some of the other States that have got on board with Clean Energy did see a decrease in property value for a few years during and after the property was under construction but soon after the surrounding property values went up in value. As a owner of farm land and while I live in a rural community, I understand some of the residents not wanting to see an eye sore in their backyard but this is going to happen either way if its going to happen in Christian County KY or southern IN or Southern TN they will find the land to build these and that means a lot of tax revenue for 30+ years lost plus a income coming into the owner of the land being leased, if not built in our backyard once these solar farms are built and surrounded with evergreens you can hardly see the panels. We have serval of our members today still working and maintaining these solar farms all across Sothern Indiana after they are built not just short-term employment.

There are many reasons for the Siting Board to approve this project from added local income, better schools, roads, police, fire, clean energy, economic development, etc. All are great reasons, and benefit everyone in the community. The members of the UBC support this project because it offers jobs, careers, and a pathway to the middle class for many local families along with investment in their community.



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Case number 2023-00246  
Developer; Oriden LLC

I am writing this letter to the siting board of Christian county, showing my support for this project. Thank you.

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Projects like this give local carpenters like myself a place closer to home to work.