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Ohio Chamber CEO Voices Support for Madison County Solar Project

Ohio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Steve Stivers last week penned a letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board in support of the Oak Run Solar Generation Facility that is currently pending its approval.

In the letter, Stivers advocates for the Madison County project proposed by solar and energy storage developer Savion, as well as for other renewable energy development in the area.

The Oak Run facility itself represents a significant private capital investment in excess of \$1 billion into domestic energy production within Madison County. As a result, the facility's construction and long-term operation would bring considerable jobs and revenue to both the county and the State of Ohio.

Madison County would see outputs of over \$154 million and earnings of over \$85 million, as well as over 1,487 local jobs during construction and more than 35 in the long term. The State of Ohio would also benefit, seeing outputs of over \$429.3 million and earnings of over \$212.3 million, as well as over 3,033 jobs during construction and over 63 in the long term.

Through the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program, Oak Run's revenue would also ease tax burdens on local residents and businesses.

Stivers acknowledges the sensitivity of large solar developments but applauds Savion for its voluntary accommodations and concessions in the project's size and scope, which he says display Savion's prioritization of the community and consideration toward adjacent property

owners. Consequently, he voices the value of a healthy relationship with Savion in Ohio's continued efforts toward renewable energy.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce consistently advocates for an "all of the above" approach to electricity generation in Ohio. The 800 megawatts produced by the Oak Run facility would allow greater diversity in clean, safe, reliable energy options for Ohio's residents and businesses. Stivers says that for it to thrive economically, the State of Ohio must continue innovating in the renewable energy field.

The Ohio Power Siting Board's public hearing on the project is set to take place on April 5. [Read Stivers' full letter here.](#)

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