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To the members of the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals,

I would like to address this body, both as a taxpayer and supporter of renewable energy. As a supporter of wind and solar projects, I want to iterate the long-term tax benefits renewables bring to the taxing bodies in our community. The increased revenue these projects bring to our communities and taxing entities improves our community. Schools, community colleges, fire protection districts, township road districts, park districts, health departments, and others all greatly benefit from these projects. This alone is an enormous benefit to the constituents of our community.

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Brian Andersen, a lifelong resident of Champaign County, I am a representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 601 here in Champaign, IL. I have personally worked on renewable energy projects in our community and have seen the benefits they bring to the bodies. Our members have built hundreds of wind and solar projects throughout our jurisdiction. It has enabled them to put food on their tables and roofs over their heads. Our jurisdiction covers parts of twelve counties in central Illinois. Our members have firsthand seen the benefits these projects bring to the community on a long-term basis.

As ZBA members, consider your recommendation to the County Board, and think of the county as a whole and the benefits these projects bring to the constituents.

Thank you for your time,

Brian Andersen

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