LUCAS COUNTY

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International City/County Management Association
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Brandy O'Quinn
Interstate Renewable Energy Council
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Dear Debra Perry and Brandy O'Quinn,

The Board of Lucas County Commissioners recognizes the vital role solar energy plays in building a more sustainable, resilient, and energy-secure future.

As part of our commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and long-term energy planning, we support the continued growth of solar energy within Lucas County.

To that end, this Board presents the following goals:

- **Expanding access**: We are committed to reducing barriers and streamlining local processes for installing solar energy systems on homes, businesses, and public facilities.
- **Leading by example:** We will assess and pursue opportunities to install solar on County-owned buildings where feasible and cost-effective.
- **Education and engagement**: We will support community awareness and education around solar energy by sharing transparent, accessible information and connecting residents with trusted resources.
- **Supporting economic development:** We see solar energy as a driver of local investment, workforce opportunity, and long-term cost savings for residents, institutions, and the public sector.
- **Regional collaboration:** We will work with local municipalities, regional planning organizations, utilities, and other stakeholders to build a more coordinated and equitable clean energy strategy for Northwest Ohio.

We understand that the SolSmart program has specific criteria and point requirements, as outlined in the SolSmart program guide, that need to be fulfilled to achieve each tier of designation. We are excited to submit this solar statement to fulfill the first requirement of the program. By taking these steps, Lucas County aims to position itself as a forward-thinking leader in clean energy and create new opportunities for residents and businesses to benefit from solar power. For inquiries related to our County's SolSmart participation, please contact Sustainability Coordinator Ben Pushka at bpushka@co.lucas.oh.us.

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