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Dear Senator Brown,

It is my pleasure to support Metroparks Toledo in its Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request for Project Beacon, an 80-acre solar array project on two reclaimed brownfield sites in Toledo.

Project Beacon resonates with the shared mission of Metroparks Toledo and our city by repurposing acres of unproductive land, reducing the region's carbon emissions, and creating enough green solar energy to power 1,800 homes annually. The project does this all while generating income to help cover the costs of preserving and maintaining over 13,000 acres of natural areas, 19 parks, and 200 miles of connected trails to a high standard of care that our community and visitors have come to expect from Metroparks Toledo.

For Project Beacon, Metroparks Toledo is leasing the capped Tyler and Dura landfills from the City of Toledo for up to 50 years. The lease was approved by Toledo City Council and my office in August 2023. When I learned, a partnership was forming to reduce our reliance on traditional energy sources to power local industry and jobs, I thought there simply couldn't be a better use for the former Dura and Tyler landfills. The sites are highly visible from the major thoroughfares in greater Toledo, as well as adjacent to Toledo's largest manufacturing employer Stellantis, owner and operator of the iconic Jeep plant. The location will show everyone who drives through our city that we are serious about and leading the way to a greener tomorrow.

I ask that you consider assisting Metroparks Toledo in achieving the goal of funding this important project. If you have any further questions during your consideration of this application, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor, City of Toledo



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Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown
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Metroparks is well positioned to lead this effort because of its track record of convening key partners around major community improvements, and its vision to elevate our region and enhance its reputation. Among many projects convened by Metroparks is the \$225 million dollar Glass City Riverwalk currently under construction. The project is adding 300 acres of sorely needed greenspace in Toledo's central city and providing user amenities that will make it the best riverfront park in the country!

Project representatives have been in regular contact with area labor leaders and intends to sign a project labor agreement ("PLA") to ensure prevailing wages are earned during construction and that an approved Apprenticeship program operates during construction. Northwest Ohio Building Trades Council ("NWOBTC") represents over 17,000 of the construction workers who will benefit from this job creation. The requirements of the PLA protect taxpayers and our community and helps ensure that construction project delivery is on-time, on-or-under budget, and with the highest quality workforce in accordance with area standards for wages and benefits.

I ask that you consider assisting Metroparks Toledo in achieving the goal of funding this important project. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shaun Enright
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Owens Corning is a global building and construction materials leader committed to building a sustainable future through material innovation. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life in communities around the world where our employees live and work. This is especially true here in our hometown of Toledo, location of our world headquarters since our founding in 1938.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Rettig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Rettig
President, Owens Corning Foundation



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At the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) our work is focused on forging resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity. Project Beacon has multiple benefits that will help to move our community forward. I ask that you consider assisting Metroparks Toledo in achieving the goal of funding this important project. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tom Kroma
Executive Director



March 20, 2024

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As a leading agency in stimulating economic development in the region, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority believes this project has multiple benefits that will help to move our community forward. I ask that you consider assisting Metroparks Toledo in achieving the goal of funding this important project. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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Thomas J. Winston

President & CEO