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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President,

It is imperative that we, as Americans, support and increase our solar energy panel manufacturing in the United States to help build our energy independence and create jobs for Americans.

I think your administration's decision this week to ban new tariffs for two years on solar panels imported from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is a mistake. This decision will benefit these Southeast Asian nations at the expense of U.S. solar panel production.

In addition, it will have the effect of favoring China at the expense of American solar panel manufacturers who create good-paying jobs for Ohioans and play by the rules, such as First Solar in Perrysburg. First Solar employs more than 2,000 people in the United States and is currently building its third manufacturing facility in Ohio.

I urge you to reconsider this decision in order to better support our important homegrown energy sector jobs and not give an unfair advantage to other countries.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor