



# MIAMI VALLEY

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Dear Debra Perry and Brandy O'Quinn:

On behalf of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated regional council. In partnership with the SolSmart team, our dedicated staff members will work to educate and encourage our member local governments about the SolSmart program and the many benefits it can bring to their residents and businesses. Through growing local participation, we hope to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for Miami Valley residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government members time and money.

We will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following solar goals:

- Develop solar equity goals and track progress.
- Increase the number of local communities that participate in SolSmart.

These goals demonstrate that our region is committed to making continual improvement in our solar market. This includes ensuring solar development is inclusive and equitable. We're looking forward to learning more from the SolSmart program how to expand access to solar for all our residents and support solar energy adoption for those that are under resourced or underserved.

The SolSmart program will build on our climate and resilience efforts, such as the ongoing Climate Pollution Reduction Planning work, and our innovative Community Resilience Toolkit.

To measure progress along the way, we will track local government participation in SolSmart and assist our members in aggregating at the regional level key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar and growth in residential installations.

We understand that the SolSmart program has criteria and point requirements as outlined in the SolSmart Program Guide needed to achieve each tier of designation. We're excited to submit this solar statement to complete the first requirement of the program. Inquiries related to our SolSmart participation can be directed to Leslie King at [lking@mvrpc.org](mailto:lking@mvrpc.org).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director