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This solar farm project reflects a significant economic development for the county and the Bright Local School District. The average income in the district is much lower than the state average. Our ability to raise revenue locally for maintenance and operation of our school buildings is very limited. This project will provide a much need to revenue boost for Bright Local as well as for Lynchburg-Clay.

Additionally the general economy in the area will be positively impacted by the construction and permanent jobs the facility will create.

As an intangible, the solar project represents a message to our community and our students that Highland County will see the benefits of the surge in renewable energy.

Ted Downing

Mowrystown, Ohio 

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I support this project. It will bring high paying jobs to Highland County, It is clean energy. For too long Southern Ohio has relied primarily on coal plants for its only source of electricity.

Robert Staun 

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March 8, 2019

Ohio Power Sitting Board
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: 18-1334-EL-BGN Highland Solar Farm

To whom it may concern,

We are residents of Clay Township and our property is near the site for the proposed Hecate Energy Highland Solar Project. We chose our home and the location based on the area three and half years ago, if we had known when we made our purchase that 3,500 acres of land was going to be turned into an industrial solar field all around us we would have not made the choice we made to move to Highland County. Not only do we feel that our property values will drop, it will be nearly impossible to sell property located near this huge solar facility. I have read through and tried to interpret to the best of my abilities the Pre-Construction Noise Survey Data Collection performed by Terracon and the results state "Based on the results of the model, the solar project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on surrounding community noise levels or sensitive receptors". Any impact to our community would be significant! What will the ambient noise level be like in our neighborhood daily with the sounds of the inverters, transformers and large-scale substation transformers running 24 hours 7 days a week? According to the same report mentioned previously we can expect to hear a sound equivalent to a lawnmower at 66db at 50 feet away, so if the fields are surrounding us at 3500 acres and a 300-megawatt solar powered electric generating facility what can one imagine that sound will be like? Will one still hear the crickets and frogs in the evening over the humming? I have compassion for a clean environment, but I am certain there are other resolves than to take 3500 acres of this small community and turn it into an electric solar field that will most likely be able to be seen from the International Space Station. I hope you take all the information shared with you from residents into consideration when making your decision regarding this life altering project. This project will alter all our lives and drastically change our quality of life in this community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ken and Karla Bolser

cc: Highland County Commissioners 

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The Bright Local School District covers approximately 120 sq miles in southern Highland County. The district's total valuation is about \$103M. \$92M of the total valuation is split evenly between residential and agriculture property.

Public utility personal property makes up about \$10M in valuation with the remaining \$1M is in commercial property. With such a small amount of commercial activity in the district, local employment is almost totally dependent on agriculture and government (e.g. Bright Local School District). This puts a very heavy financial burden on homeowners and farmers to fund public education and other local services. This project is a unique opportunity for the tax payers and the school district. It would almost be impossible for the school district to raise the kind of money that will be generated when the solar farm is complete. In fact, this project will provide a financial benefit to district equivalent to raising everyone in the district's property tax 25%. Increased revenue to educate our children without increasing the financial burden on the tax payer is a major victory.

Randy Drewyor

Mowrystown, OH 

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