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As a Washington Township Homeowner I support and agree with the resolution passed by our local board of trustees. I have attached a copy for review and to be placed on public record. At the start of learning about the solar project surrounding my home and taking over my community, I was most concerned about my property value, views, and the scarlett letter that is now being placed over Northern Union County that will possibly soon become a vast solar facility. However, after doing intense research in regards to the health ramifications that a project of this size could impose in close proximity with homes, I now have a much bigger concern. I have three children under the age of 5 years old. They are in the most vital years of their physical development. What they are exposed to now and years to come will shape the future of their physical health. This solar project is 30 years. The best "comparable" data, which isn't really comparable because it does not reflect what will be our situation, is 10-15 years. Even then it's mixed pro's and cons to physical health, with no data able to reflect the long term possibilities. The fact that the surrounding land owners of my home are able to make the decision for my family to essentially be a science experiment for their financial benefit is a serious concern and moral issue. Per the solar company my concern is not valid because I am concerned over "one in the hand and one in the bush". My concern is valid because my families safety is not something I am willing to take a gamble on because they "should" be okay. If someone wanted to expose your child to something and told you, "they should be okay" would that not concern you? As a parent would you not think, "wait a minute, you can not guarantee my children's well being?" Would you then allow them to be exposed? Would you be willing sacrifice your children for science? NOT ME! NOT THIS MOM! My children's well being is NOT a gamble I would ever consent to. Please, respect mine and my communities concerns. Please do not allow us to be over ran by these massive solar factories that will drastically alter the land, environment, and future of those who live here. Please choose to stand with those who do not profit from this, that are afraid for their families, homes, and futures. A moral code has to be more important than the all mighty dollar.

Thank you,  
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On Mon, Oct 5, 2020, 8:58 PM Stephanie Ross <[jenkins.3386@gmail.com](mailto:jenkins.3386@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Stephanie Ross....please do not allow the Union County Solar Farm to go in. My property is going to be surrounded from all three sides yet somehow my family did not manage to be sent even an informational packet that was sent to other neighbors. My husband and I bought our 5 acre hobby farm 2 years ago. In two years we have invested over \$70,000 in our home. We hoped for this to be somewhere to raise our children for many years to come. I am a nurse, my husband works for Honda, and we have three children under the age of 5 years old. We have started to raise Katahdin Hair Sheep on our farm and if you drive by you will see two cows my kids recently just had to have named Ruby and Julia. My husband and I worked hard and saved to get this little piece of heaven that we now call home. I love to look out my window and see our pasture and the CRP that sits just behind it. I love that when I look at my barn I see beautiful trees and fields behind. When I look out my back window I see rows and rows of gorgeous fields. As I type this with tears in my eyes my husband and I take a break to now figure out what needs to be done to possibly sell this home we love as quickly as possible. Why? Because would you want your beautiful country home to be surrounded by ugly panels from all three sides? Would you want to trade the views I have now for that? Probably not...and guess what, neither does anyone else. Therefore the chances of us getting back the money we have invested in our home as we scramble to possibly sell is slim. I am all for solar energy but surrounding hard working families homes with it, who spent their life savings to have these beautiful views is not the answer. These should be in the middle of nowhere or on top of buildings. Not surrounding the homes of hard working Ohio families so you can ship the energy out of Ohio. I would love to show you our farm, come walk a day in our shoes. See what we see. Here is my address: 32342 State Route 31, West Mansfield, OH 43358. Call anytime 937-543-8423.

Sincerely, a crushed member of the community that will be left to pick up the mess.



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