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This is what I wrote to our state reps that are I believe on the energy board.

"Picture this if you would. Many little beautiful thriving country towns. Surrounded by fields of corn and soybeans, wildflowers in the spring and leaves in the fall. Birds and small animals live there. The seasons marked by the changing of tractor implements, and the feel of the air. People live happily in these towns, their children play outside, their drives to and from work made pleasant by the view and the sunsets.

That is what we have now, on the other hand what do we have with field upon field of solar panels?

Soil that is devoid of life, killed by toxic chemicals that have been sprayed year after year. Destroyed wildlife populations that have nowhere to live, nowhere to get food, nowhere can they find clean water. The once beautiful fields are surrounded with tall fencing and barbed wire, you can still see the sunset but only through miles of blinding panels, dry ground, and metal. All is metal. Now no one wants to move to these little towns and no one can leave, homes can't be sold, children will leave and never come back. Young farmers will move away to a city or to a more welcoming field. Who wants to live in a place surrounded by a sea of unsightliness, and who wants to leave the home of their youth?

So what will we choose? Will we choose life and beauty, or ugliness and the death of our community? Southern Ohio can become the next Youngstown, or it can continue to grow and thrive. Our fate rests largely on whether or not Solar Fields surround our homes.

Please do everything in your power to stop this before it is too late."

Grace

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