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**Subject:** Juliet project in Wood County Ohio

Hello Matt Butler and OPSB members. My concerns and remarks will be focused on the 7xLCC., Light Source LLC., British Petroleum, Juliet LLC., and Solar Industrial manufacturing plant. I would like to say I'm not against renewable or green energy as I drive a Toyota Prius. I presented my take on some of the fears my neighbors and I are concerned about during the 9-8-21 OPSB testimony meeting in Bowling Green, OH. I'm a 71 year old man with diabetes, and during my presentation at this meeting, my glucose level took a dip resulting in the less than desirable presentation.

I will back my concerns with fact. First of all, how can we trust BP(the new owner of the Juliet Energy project in Wood County, OH)? The roll out of the Juliet Energy Project in January by the 7X Solar Energy LLC(original owner) , was very disturbing. When I spoke with local and community politicians, I did not feel confident that they understood how large this project will be and the future ramifications for Wood County and the impacted residents. Most neighbors here respect each others lives and differences, a plus with rural living. I do have to say our Senator, Theresa Gavarone, really did her job well as a Representative for her constituents regarding this project. With certain Lawmakers and followers being brought to justice for Ohio energy scandals recently, I believe the our system still has a chance to work. I am asking and pleading that the OPSB will really vet and express your best oversight on what BP is doing now and what BP is go to do in the future. The dealings between 7x and my neighbors affected by this project, were predatory and the non binding Good Neighbor Agreements were cruel causing fear and anxiety. The project negotiations and plans had been in process two years before the nontransparent project was rolled out to the neighbors affected. The face man, Cliff Scher, danced around or flat out lied to the questions i asked during our phone conversation back in January. When I asked about 7X covering the difference between the sale of my house at current fair market value vs. sale value at the time the project has been approved, Cliff promised to get back with me a decision and offered me \$20,000 upfront. I never received a call back. Four months later, I received an email from him asking how I was doing and if I was part of our neighborhood negotiation group. Why would I resound to his email, when my gut told me I had spoken to a man that sounded like Mr. Rogers trying to sell me a car that was flooded in hurricane Katrina. Too bad the OPSB can't speak with the impacted neighbors regarding how they feel about this project and how it will affect their lives because they may not have the education, the time or the knowledge to navigate the system. . The indigenous bats have more protections than the folks who are going to be surrounded up close and personal by 400k plus panels. Maybe that's why, with the exception of the Haas family(who have issues with covering the best farm soil in the world with this industrial project)and the empaths in their 70s, are trying to take on Goliath. I gave Mat Butler some documents that I would really like this board to look at. Perhaps you may not want to read further when you look at the first document. I understand macro and micro economics and can analyze spread sheets, quarterly and annual corporate reports. The site, [violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org](http://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org) reports on over 27 billion dollars in fines that BP has generated in the last 20 years, including the behaviors that generated the fines( the who, what, wheres) The latest multi million dollar fines were assigned in 2020.

How can anyone trust BP.If BP were a person, a psychologist would diagnose that person a sociopath. Next, the University of Rhode Island did a study on how solar farms effect real-estate values .Its easy to find on line. Another neighbor and I participated in a webinar that the URI offered and learned that the majority of solar farm sizes were 20 acres developments and not the industrial scale producers being installed in Midwest. What will property values do? Jim Trampeviski, who is an independent realtor with a masters degree in marketing from the University of Toledo, is willing to give the Board sworn testimony on his research of the project . As a local professional in real-estate, he will be able to give the OPSB the monetary effects of the homes in the impacted project areas. Jim's phone number- cell-419-705-5818, office-419-513-8671.Next, regarding Ohio labor, I've spoken to business managers with the Union Local

18 operating engineers and Union Local 8 electrical workers. As of now, neither of these organizations are being used for this project at last look. In fact, there has been no public announcements on BP's commitment to use Ohio's labor. Most citizens would be happy to see that local Ohio laborers be used. With the expansion of First Solar in Wood County, there is no excuse for BP not to use the local product- no excuses, even if Chinese panels are cheaper. Using imported panels would be a double slap in the face for folks who lost jobs that paid living wages due to globalization in the last forty years. Solar panels are classified as toxic materials in the United States. Recycling is not cost friendly, one panel costs \$25-\$30 to retrieve \$2-\$3 of material. Imagine all of these unproductive industrial parts going to land fills or outside storage when these projects are decommissioned. I would like the OPSB to take the time to look online at the articles of the Juliet project in the Bowling Green Independent News. In one article, regarding 7X asking for additional tax breaks, Wood County Commissioner, Doris Herringshaw, stated that 7X is just looking out for themselves. Perhaps someone could call Doris to ask what she meant by that comment?

Perhaps someone reading this will smile at my closing remark

BP has an online advertisement which shows an idyllic scene of sheep grazing amongst rows of solar panels. In the future, will I need to ask the Head Goat to solve a simple anticipated grievance about a project problem or behavior? Again folks, please do your due diligence on this one ..By the way, I was impressed with the the Corporation who is developing the Palomino project in Perry County, for a lot of obvious reasons. I was impressed with the OPSB question and answer meeting with them and the public. I am available for any questions you may want to ask me, and I have consent from some of my neighbors to share these concerns with you .Thank you for reading this short letter and I want to thank Matt Butler for being straight up and honest with me.

Best regards, Steve Espen..Oh, this isn't about money, I plan on donating my first five year award for kissing BPs ring(neighbor agreement)to a food bank or to pay for kids lunches who can't afford one or afraid to ask. This letter is about fairness, if you know what I mean...

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