

**BEFORE
THE OHIO SITING BOARD**

**In the matter of the Application of Birch)
Solar 1, LLC for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public)
Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric)
Generation Facility in Allen and Auglaize)
Counties, Ohio.)** **Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN**

TESTIMONY OF

Michael Wildermuth

on behalf of

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

May 11, 2022

1 **1. Please state your name.**

2 Michael Wildermuth

3

4 **2. Please state your address.**

5 I live at 3801 Linfield Lane in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio.

6

7 **3. Please summarize your background and relationship to the Birch Solar project.**

8 I helped found the Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy (the “Coalition”) to advocate
9 for the approval of the Birch Solar 1 project (the “Project”). The Coalition is a formal grassroots
10 coalition of individuals and landowners residing in Allen and Auglaize Counties that seeks to
11 educate and engage with the community to inform and dispel misconceptions about solar energy
12 and the Project. While there appears to be a noisy minority opposing the Birch Solar project, there
13 is broad local support for the project, as demonstrated by the attached petition, which contains
14 over 250 signatures of local residents who support construction of the Project. Exhibit A.

15

16 **4. Please summarize your position on whether the Birch Solar project should be approved.**

17 The Ohio Power Siting Board should approve the Project because the Project helps the fight to halt
18 climate change.

19

20 I have lived in Allen County all my life and have had family here since 1833. My grandfather
21 worked at the Sohio Solar Refinery, receiving his diamond-studded forty-year pin at his retirement
22 in the mid-twentieth century. Started in 1886, the Lima Refinery is still in operation and is the

23 oldest continuously-operated oil refinery in Ohio. While the community has greatly benefited
24 economically from the refinery, it has also suffered significantly from environmental degradation.
25 Since 1990, Allen County has consistently ranked among the top twenty counties statewide in the
26 quantity of toxic air pollution among all of Ohio's counties according to the annual Toxic Release
27 Inventory (TRI) compiled by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). In
28 some years, Allen County has ranked first in all Ohio on the TRI. Furthermore, current USEPA
29 data show that more than three million metric tons of greenhouse gases were emitted in Allen
30 County in 2020 alone. Burning fossil fuels greatly increases air pollution. Emissions of sulfur
31 dioxide, nitrous oxides, particulates and other pollutants associated are also associated with
32 burning of fossil fuels.

33
34 Without question, and unfortunately, over the course of more than 140 years, Allen County has
35 accrued a huge debt to future generations by releasing enormous amounts of climate changing
36 pollutants into the environment. I and other Coalition members believe it is time for something to
37 be done to begin to repay this debt. Consequently, we urge approval of the Project as it is
38 estimated to generate electricity while annually keeping over 400,000 metric tons of greenhouse
39 gases out of the atmosphere when compared to current common methods of generating electricity
40 through fossil fuels.

41
42 These sentiments are echoed by the Ohio Farmers Union that adopted a Special Order finding the
43 "transition from coal-fired electric generation to carbon-free wind and solar generation is a
44 necessary step in our response to global climate change." Exhibit B. The Ohio Farmers Union

45 has a unique interest in reducing emissions as “global warming and climate change...will have
46 profound effects on agriculture in the immediate present and ... may hamper the ability of future
47 generations to survive on this planet.” *Id.* The Project provides a cleaner energy source and
48 furthers the fight against climate change.

49

50 In addition, we believe that the weaponization of energy playing out on the world stage now
51 cements the importance of energy independence to the security of our nation. Efforts to
52 responsibly localize energy production, like the Project, should be prioritized in order to lessen our
53 dependence on unreliable and hostile foreign powers. We believe that it is in the best interest of
54 national security to approve this Project.

55

56 The OPSB should approve the project based on these local and global climate change benefits.

57

58 **5. Does this conclude your testimony?**

59 Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with OAR 4906-2-02(D)(6), this document has been filed electronically and OPSB's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document on the parties referenced in the service list of the docket who have electronically subscribed to this case. Such notice constitutes service of this document.

/s/John Heer

John A. Heer, Esq.

Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services

600 Superior Avenue East, Suite 1300

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

234-255-5627

jheer@fairshake-els.org

*Attorneys for the Allen Auglaize Coalition for
Reasonable Energy*

Administrative Law Judges:

Michael.Williams@puco.ohio.gov

Jesse.Davis@puco.ohio.gov

EXHIBIT A

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name CORY PARENT
Address 4604 ABNAKI TRL, LIMA, OH 45805
Phone 914-426-2025 eMail cparentfol@gmail.com

Name Vicky Espinoza
Address 1710 Zeits Ave Lima Ohio 45804
Phone 419236 3781 eMail Vickyandjoseespinoza@gmail.com

Name THOMAS P. SPRY
Address 1750 BOWMAN RD - LIMA 45804
Phone 419-230-7779 eMail TPSPRY@GMAIL.COM

Name Mindy Kimmet
Address 2101 N. Gastown Rd Lima OH 45807
Phone 419-236 3933 eMail mindkimmet@gmail.com

Name James Springer
Address 914 1/2 Bellefontaine Ave Lima, OH 45804
Phone 419-860-3738 eMail ranchuck@gmail.com

Name Joy Sharpe
Address 30th Fenwick prine Lima OH 45804
Phone 9379359287 eMail fusion717@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Citra Billie
 Address 555 W Elm St Lima OH 45801
 Phone 419 549 1607 eMail crahciclo@gmail.com

Name LEN ARCHIBALD
 Address 215 S DANA AVE LIMA OH 45804
 Phone 419-979-9692 eMail _____

Name Charity Rumpf
 Address 636 N West St Lima OH 45801
 Phone 419-979-3690 eMail charityrumpf@yahoo.com

Name Randy Norris
 Address 1445 Southwood DR Lima Oh 45805
 Phone 419 284-5830 eMail _____

Name Denise Stephens
 Address 351 S. Cole St., Lima, Oh
 Phone 419-222-3316 eMail jnk351@gmail.com

Name LeAnn Kinnaird
 Address 733 Delphos Lima, Oh 45801
 Phone 4199057433 eMail misspill71@gmail.com

- SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
- SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
- SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
- SUPPORT OUR ROADS
- SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
- SUPPORT SOLAR



A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Karen Hahn
 Address 2610 Jonewood Lima
 Phone 419-835-7426 eMail Kahahn65@gmail.com

Name Paul Lasman
 Address 506 Ruyuan Lima
 Phone 419-236-5272 eMail _____

Name Temple Patton
 Address 2972 W. Beese Rd Lima
 Phone 419-999-2554 eMail patton.112@ohio.edu

Name Denise Shultz
 Address 1071 Maplewood Dr Lima
 Phone 419-316-1501 eMail _____

Name Debra Jackson
 Address 108 E High Lima Ohio
 Phone _____ eMail _____

Name PAUL MYERS
 Address 2964 PINE GROVE WAY LIMA OH
 Phone _____ eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Aisha Washington
 Address 417 Elmwood Pl Lima, Ohio
 Phone 419 204 2158 eMail washington.al@outlook.com

Name Alvin Banker
 Address 1281 Knollwood dr Lima Ohio 45801
 Phone 419-233-1280 eMail alvincbankerjr@gmail.com

Name Greg Schooner
 Address 5245 Aster St. Elida, OH
 Phone 419-234-0816 eMail skaneygas2003@yahoo.com

Name Monica Doorley
 Address 2436 W Spring St
 Phone 4192042900 eMail Limey

Name Demetta Black
 Address 108 E. High Lima Ohio
 Phone 419-979-4071 eMail demettab@cpaheo.com

Name Edward L. Rogers Sr
 Address 1000 Holmes Ave Lima
 Phone 4192968339 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Andy Sanders
 Address 43 TOWN SQ Lima Ohio 45801
 Phone 419)516-8266 eMail _____

Name Jeremy Corson
 Address 2650 W. Market ST APT. 108 Lima
 Phone 419-303-9404 eMail ~~corsonj@att.net~~

Name Autumn Corson
 Address 2650 W. Market ST APT 108 Lima
 Phone 810-941-8338 eMail _____

Name Lauren E Aversch
 Address 2504 Lost Creek Blvd. Lima, OH
 Phone (517)712-1749 eMail aversch.7@gmail.com

Name Chandler Golden
 Address 418 W. McKinley St Lima OH 45801
 Phone 937 411 2827 eMail chandlergolden@gmail.com

Name Sheila Terrence
 Address 1236 Belladonna Ave
 Phone 734-626-6908 eMail sheilairene29@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name James Baxter
Address 1236 Belvidere Ave Lima, OH 45801
Phone 734/636/3162 eMail _____

Name Tanya Kline
Address 108 E. main St. Elida, Ohio 45807
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Abbi Welker
Address 663 S. Glenwood Ave Lima, OH 45805
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Roslyn Buntus
Address 146 Eureka Lima Ohio 45804
Phone 567 712 4200 eMail _____

Name Granny
Address 1206 W. Robb Ave Lima Ohio 45801
Phone 419-228-8637 eMail _____

Name Heather Moore
Address 1122 W Elm St. Lima, Ohio 45805
Phone 567-242-9639 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name HALLIE SHIELDS
 Address 809 N METCALF Lima
 Phone 567 712 1889 eMail hallie-shields@yahoo.com

Name AIMEE BUCHER
 Address 2517 HALL DR LIMA 45806
 Phone 419 234 6971 eMail aimeebuch@gmail.com

Name Jodi Meyer
 Address 2315 Western Ohio Ave Lima 45805
 Phone 419 302 7745 eMail jmed1106@gmail.com

Name Elijah Alston
 Address 2517 Hall Drive Lima 45806
 Phone 419-860-9999 eMail elijah.alston8@gmail.com

Name Atlas Henman
 Address 1693 Wonderbele Road Lima
 Phone 419-860-7323 eMail donnellgrayda@gmail.com

Name Christopher Miller
 Address 405 W. Auglaize St.
 Phone 614-218-0231 eMail miller.tyler@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Bex Golden
 Address 3471 Beeler Rd. Lima
 Phone 513-658-3088 eMail bexgolden@gmail.com

Name Edmund Misjakiewicz
 Address 1710 Lakewood Ave Lima, OH
 Phone 419-454-3418 eMail emisiakiewicz@gmail.com

Name Selena Grant
 Address 615 S. Scott St. Lima, OH 45804
 Phone 419-549-8059 eMail SolaceWinter@yahoo.com

Name Chris Coby
 Address 615 S. Scott St Lima, OH 45804
 Phone 419-231-8881 eMail chris.coby.b1@btrn.com

Name Sharetta Smith
 Address 322 Lincoln Ave
 Phone ~~419-979-4164~~ eMail ssmith.talynn@gmail.com

Name Richard & Mary Beth Siford
 Address 430 S. Cole St 45805
 Phone 419-956-9105 eMail Rick@Siford.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

M

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Heather Cole
Address 1817 Allentown Rd Lima, OH 45805
Phone 419 303 2270 eMail oligemonk@yahoo.com

Name William Cardenas
Address 803 S Leonard ave Lima Ohio
Phone 772-979-1409 eMail wcardenas@oussk.org

Name Brandan Williams
Address 5525 Piquad Rd Elida, Oh 45807
Phone 419-600-4728 eMail brandanwilliams87@icloud.com

Name Kedar Roderick
Address 1518 Fairway Dr.
Phone 419-905-3029 eMail kedarroderick@yahoo.com.

Name Steven Schmidt
Address 1435 Timberlane Dr Lima OH
Phone 9524126333 eMail edsteven49@gmail.com

Name Holly Norton
Address 2100 University Blvd, Lima, OH 45805
Phone 419-229-4419 eMail hlnorton45@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Judith Decker Judith Decker
 Address 1231 Leland Ave, Lima
 Phone 419 227-7132 eMail judy.decker@gmail.com

Name Mark J. Decker MJ Decker
 Address 1231 Leland Ave Lima
 Phone 419-227-7132 eMail markdecker@wch-rr.com

Name LESUE RIGALI
 Address 325 S. KENILWORTH AVE., Lima
 Phone _____ eMail lrigali@~~galed~~.wcoil.com

Name Paula Snyder
 Address 1616 Latham Ave Lima OH 45805
 Phone 419 eMail paulasnyder21@netzero.net

Name Darrin Belousek
 Address 1616 Latham Ave Lima OH 45805
 Phone _____ eMail darrin.W.Snyderbelousek@gmail.com

Name Hannah Rainet
 Address 600 West Spring St, Apt 202, Lima
 Phone _____ eMail halled.hannah@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Barbara A. Grobner
Address 1651 Southwood Drive Lima
Phone 4194340509 eMail grobner1967B@hotmail.com

Name Tom Pillemer
Address 1570 Southwood Dr Lima
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Russ Litke
Address 3700 Linfield Lane, Lima, OH
Phone 419-860-3429 eMail litker@live.com

Name Jennifer Walden
Address 2799 W Breese Rd Lima
Phone 301-310-2927 eMail mjbach@gmail.com

Name Conner Walden
Address 2799 W Breese Rd Lima
Phone 217-685-1294 eMail the9thinning@gmail.com

Name Jay A. Brown
Address 1531 W Ford Ave Lima OH 43801
Phone 4198602667 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Cleo DeOnio
 Address 18240 Sellers Rd, Lima
 Phone 567-242-8953 eMail Cleo - deonio@yahoo.com

Name Claire DeOnio
 Address 18240 Sellers Rd, Lima
 Phone 507-242-9066 eMail claire.deonio@gmail.com

Name Irene Neal
 Address 318 Kel Dan Ave, Cridersville
 Phone 419 221 3417 eMail _____

Name Billie Woods
 Address 19724 Graham Rd. Lima, OH 45806
 Phone 419-236-2211 eMail blwoods06@gmail.com

Name Bill Woods
 Address 19724 Graham Rd. Lima, OH 45806
 Phone 419-234-8884 eMail _____

Name Candy Armstrong
 Address 1408 Commanche Pass Wapak OH 45895
 Phone 419 234 0745 eMail carmstrng92@woh.n.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR



A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Dan Tuttle
Address 1550 Canyon Ave, Lima
Phone 567-242-4160 eMail _____

Name Anne Smedley
Address 1564 Crayton Ave, Lima
Phone 419-222-3271 eMail _____

Name Jessica Walters
Address 2512 Adgate Rd., Lima
Phone 419-203-2840 eMail _____

Name JOHN PELLEGRINI
Address 2510 ADGATE ROAD, Lima
Phone 419 296 3411 eMail _____

Name KIM PELLEGRINI
Address 2510 ADGATE RD, Lima
Phone 419 296 3411 eMail _____

Name John Pellegrini
Address 1570 Southwood Dr., Lima
Phone 419 228-0224 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Charles Carnett
Address 2139 Wymondot Dr, Lima
Phone 419 222 1108 eMail CARNETT@Superiorrealtors.com

Name Sandra Tausley
Address 3029 Newon Place, Lima
Phone 419 - 849 - 5941 eMail _____

Name Patricia Henderson
Address 1945 Fairlane Dr., Lima Cridersville
Phone 419-645-586 eMail _____

Name William Henderson
Address 1945 FAIRLANE DR., Cridersville
Phone 419-645-5186 eMail _____

Name Diana Crawford
Address 1305 LAKEWOOD AVE, Lima
Phone 240-405-6085 eMail _____

Name Jacob Letolm
Address 1516 Cragton Ave, Lima
Phone 419-302-7644 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Billie S. Briggs
Address 2275 Seneca Drive, Lima
Phone 419 230 8296 eMail billie.briggs.ohio@gmail

Name Staci Miles
Address 3786 Mt Vernon Place AA-A, Lima
Phone 419-236-3935 eMail StaciMiles5@gmail.com

Name Lise Miller
Address 208 S. Greenwood Ave, Lima
Phone 419 303-2072 eMail lise.miller.ohio@gmail.com

Name Ray Utrup
Address 2260 Miami Place, Lima
Phone 419-991-3486 eMail _____

Name Sandi L Hauger
Address 2240 Miami Place Lima Ohio 45806
Phone 443 699 5704 eMail sandirockinred420@gmail.com

Name Samantha Carter
Address 2245 Seneca Dr. Lima Oh 45806
Phone 937-203-6882 eMail samanthacarter4@hotmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Bennie Dohms
 Address 2703 W. Breese, Lima
 Phone 419-303-5879 eMail _____

Name Susan Biss
 Address 3701 Linfield Ln, Lima
 Phone 419 235-6155 eMail susan.kay.biss1982@gmail.com

Name Wanda W. Lake
 Address 1739 W. Breese Rd., Lima
 Phone 419-991-9654 eMail _____

Name Roger + ~~Chris~~ Wagner
 Address 1715 W. Breese Rd., Lima
 Phone 419-957-1568 eMail _____

Name Chris Wagner
 Address 1715 W. Breese Rd., Lima
 Phone 419-957-1568 eMail _____

Name Walter George
 Address 1817 W. Breese RD Lima OH 45800
 Phone 419-302-9732 eMail Walter-George01@yahoo.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Deborah A. Burns ellu
 Address 1939 W. Breese Rd., Lima OH 45806
 Phone 419-296-6879 eMail deb.burns70@gmail.com

Name Todd E. Frailey
 Address 605 Close Ave, Lima OH 45805
 Phone 706-201-4544 eMail TODD.FRAILEY@GMAIL.COM

Name Jesse Cole Ys
 Address 1770 W. Breese Rd Lima OH 45806
 Phone 574-526-1210 eMail jessecole121@gmail.com

Name Becky Sharp Ys
 Address 1770 W. Breese Rd, Lima
 Phone 419-234-0336 eMail _____

Name Dennis R Perry Ys
 Address 2010 W. BREESEE Rd, Lima
 Phone 419-235-4355 eMail _____

Name Douglas Dophins
 Address 2703 W. Breese Rd, Lima
 Phone 419-303-5879 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen County, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity. This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We the undersigned urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Charles N. LaGrande
Address 3366 Shawnee Road, Lima, Ohio
Phone 419-991-7347 eMail _____

Name Phyllis Mae LaGrande
Address 3366 Shawnee, Lima
Phone 419-991-7347 eMail _____

Name RONALD E GRAHAM
Address 401 COUNTY LINE ROAD APT #2, Bluffton
Phone 419-204-5699 eMail GRAHAM. RONALD42@YAHOO.COM

Name KEITH KNOX
Address 3240 SHAWNEE RD, Lima OH, 45806
Phone 419-371-8683 eMail woodlawmike@gmail.com

Name ALEX SKINNER
Address 3737 DARRELL DRIVE, Lima
Phone 419-307-0513 eMail _____

Name Kimberly Keller
Address 3751 Darrell Dr. , Lima
Phone 567-289-3080 eMail _____

4/3

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen County, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity. This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We the undersigned urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Jeff Wright
Address 3250 Danny Drive, Lima, OH
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Jane Dankins
Address 11617 Fairway Dr. Lima
Phone _____ eMail janked@embarqmail.com

Name Kim Wright
Address 3250 Danny Dr., Lima
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Megan Croy
Address 1234 State St., Lima
Phone _____ eMail meganrcroy@yahoo.com

Name Sharon Wildermuth
Address 3801 Linfield Lane, Lima, Ohio
Phone _____ eMail skwildermuth@outlook.com

Name Michael Wildermuth
Address 3801 Linfield Lane, Lima, Ohio 45806
Phone _____ eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR



Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen County, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity. This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We the undersigned urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name John Fost
Address 1510 Crayton Ave. Lima, Ohio 45805
Phone 419-303-4776 **eMail** jmfostr74@gmail.com

Name Bonnie L Snyder
Address 2270 W. Wayne St., Lima
Phone 419-303-4917 **eMail** blsnyder@woh.rr.com

Name Donelata Conrad
Address 115 Eagles Point West, Lima
Phone 419-303-1933 **eMail** dconrad7@woh.rr.com

Name Beverly Foster
Address 1510 Crayton Ave, Lima, OH 45805
Phone 419-302-9585 **eMail** _____

Name Randall Mason
Address 2064 South Phillips Road, Harrod, Ohio 45850
Phone 412-233-0501 **eMail** _____

Name Tyler Mason
Address 1320 Lach Loman Way, Lima, OH 45805
Phone 419 812 1002 **eMail** _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Duplicate

Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 Phone [REDACTED] eMail [REDACTED]

Name Tatt Mangas
 Address 625 N West St Lima, Oh
 Phone 419-302-1647 eMail tmangas85@yahoo.com

Name Chp Smith
 Address 803 South Leonard Ave, Lima,
 Phone 407-225-3731 eMail icsmith21@hotmail.com

Name Doris Stevenson
 Address 10211 AdA Rd Harrod 45850
 Phone 419-303-6240 eMail grannystevenson15@gmail.com

Name Tim Stevenson
 Address 10211 AdA Rd Harrod 45850
 Phone 419 9999132 eMail _____

Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 Phone [REDACTED] eMail [REDACTED]

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Rick L Johnson Sr
Address 1125 Grant St, Lima, Ohio
Phone 419-228-0165 eMail _____

Name ~~John Johnson~~ PUA Burdon
Address 146 E Eunkar, Lima
Phone 567-289-0478 eMail _____

Name MATT MILLER
Address 5030 SHAWNEER RD Lima OH
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name John Johnson
Address 1013 N. Summit St, Lima
Phone 527-810-7056 eMail _____

Name Duane Wright
Address 1114 N. Collett St Lima, Ohio
Phone 702-204-5911 eMail duaneewright60@gmail.com

Name Henry Calvelago
Address 19516 Rd V FT Jennings OH 45844
Phone 419-231-4529 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Adam Carrer
Address 2973 Fryer Rd. Elida
Phone 419-222-1815 eMail alcch+8926@gmail.com

Name Patricia A. Mills
Address 350 S. Reservoir Ave Lima, N. 45805
Phone 419-230-1409 eMail Ø

Name Matt Brown
Address 1709 Poinsettia Dr Lima, OH
Phone 567-204-1352 eMail Ø

Name Lanni L. Collins
Address 1730 Poinsettia Dr. Lima, OH
Phone 419-999-5064 eMail for

Name Melissa Grunden
Address 1744 Poinsettia Dr. Lima OH
Phone 419-204-1420 eMail grundenm16@gmail.com

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Ben Rose (Waldo Bennett Rose)
 Address 1602 W MARKET ST, LIMA OH 45805-2315
 Phone 419 225 1106 eMail BENROSE@W011.RR.COM

Name Nancy Plout Rose
 Address 1602 W. Market St, Lima, OH 45805
 Phone (419) 225-1106 eMail npr@columbus,rr.com

Name ALBERTA MORRIS
 Address 1112 W BLUELICK RD Lima Ohio
 Phone 317-340-5190 eMail _____

Name PATRICIA Andrews
 Address 1560 Edgewood Drive Lima Ohio
 Phone 419-296-0615 eMail mrsredandrews@gmail.com

Name Stephanie Herron
 Address 1508 E. MARKET ST. LIMA, OH
 Phone (419) 221-2939 eMail _____

Name Melun Herron
 Address 1508 E Market St. Lima Ohio
 Phone 419 221-2939 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Darrell D. Forrest
 Address 429 S. Jackson St. Lima, OH. 45804
 Phone 419-860-1007 eMail darrellforrest32@gmail.com

Name Ciara Peters
 Address 918 Merlin Ave Lima Ohio
 Phone 260-750-0377 eMail missciara1390@yahoo.com

Name Keith Anderson
 Address 5307 St Rt 701 ADA OH, 45810
 Phone _____ eMail _____

Name KEN McGLONE
 Address 415 FARMDALE Lima OHIO 45801-1814
 Phone 419-225-8982 eMail _____

Name ELANA Gregg
 Address 7905. m Aipt St APT 419 L. OH
 Phone 419-234-4314 eMail _____

Name Jason Hillard
 Address 2097 Idlewild Dr.
 Phone 419-231-5912 eMail jasin72@hotmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Curt Moore
Address 107 PIONEER RD. ELIDA OH
Phone 419-236-5257 eMail —

Name Jack In
Address 1190 Brower
Phone 419-371-0057 eMail —

Name April Love
Address 1190 Brower Rd
Phone — eMail april.love65@icloud.com

Name Marie Forrest
Address 755 Lewis Blvd Lima OH
Phone — eMail forrestm105@gmail.com

Name Stefani LammerS
Address 304 S Main St Spencerville, OH ~~45887~~ 45887
Phone 419-302-7748 eMail 1skay00@gmail.com

Name Douglas LammerS
Address 304 S Main Spencerville OH 45887
Phone 419-302-7746 eMail dogla78@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Michael Risser
Address 1318 Nancy Sue Dr Lima Oh
Phone 419 234 0875 eMail _____

Name CONNIE RISSER
Address 1318 NANCY SUE DR 45806 Lima
Phone 419-234-0839 eMail _____

Name Kelly Risser
Address 1338 Nancy Sue Dr. Lima 45806
Phone 419-234-1230 eMail _____

Name Robert Morris
Address 103 Candy Lane Lima 45805
Phone _____ eMail _____

Name JAMES COCHRAN
Address 11875 HARDING HWY HARRCO OH
Phone 419 649-2512 eMail _____

Name Joe Rodriguez
Address 4920 Amargyllis Street
Phone 305 462 2041 eMail joerod@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Greg Stone
 Address 6235 Greely Chapel Rd Lima
 Phone 419-236-4577 eMail _____

Name Dan Fifer
 Address 3302 Shawnee Rd Lima
 Phone 419-296-0760 eMail matcodfifer@gmail.com

Name Mike Schulte
 Address 15303 RAMGA RD. WAPAKONETA
 Phone 513-316-0742 eMail M.Schulte@IIRCC.COM

Name Judy Puppert
 Address 605 S. Blackhoof St Wapakoneta
 Phone 419 302 2893 eMail _____

Name Meranda Kimble
 Address 5115 St. Johns rd. Lima, OH 45806
 Phone 567-825-3760 eMail Meranda.K.11@gmail.com

Name Mary Stepleton
 Address 250 S. Westwood Lima OH 45805
 Phone 419-235-6875 eMail Maryrsteeps@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
Coalition
for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Lisa G. Robeson
Address 150 N Mound St. Bluffton, OH 45817
Phone (419) 672-1918 eMail robesonl1066@gmail.com

Name Teresa Heath
Address 1031 W Elm St Lima OH 45805
Phone (419) 516-8020 eMail heathter@wcoil.com

Name Jessica Rhinock
Address 115 S Scott St Lima OH 45804
Phone 419 860 9228 eMail _____

Name Randal McMillin
Address 115 S Scott St Lima
Phone 419) 236-8647 eMail _____

Name Veronica Lambert
Address 471 N Elizabeth St Lima
Phone 419-231-1089 eMail _____

Name Polly Bice
Address 6860 N West St Elida
Phone 419-234-3219 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR



A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Edward Word Lima OHio
 Address 122 W Kibby st
 Phone 419-860-8917 eMail _____

Name CHRIS FLEISCHMAN
 Address 3138 CLIFFORD DR, LIMA, OHIO
 Phone 414 773 1207 eMail cris5468@gmail.com

Name Deb Boop
 Address 1228 Virginia Lima OH 45801
 Phone 419 860 - 3548 eMail Condeb1950@gmail.com

Name Brandy Jones
 Address 439 Orlena Ave Lima, Ohio 45804
 Phone 937 558 0502 eMail _____

Name Kim Durhees
 Address 43 Town Square #603 Lima, Ohio 45801
 Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Jeff Durhees
 Address 43 Town Square #603 Lima, Ohio 45801
 Phone _____ eMail _____

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name JASON SIMON
Address 827 SOUTH MAIN STREET DELPHOS, OH 45833
Phone 419-296-6444 eMail j2simon@live.com

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name April Shattuck
Address 278 Plum St
Phone 419-305-8175 eMail aprilshattuck@yahoo.com

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name Ian Louth
Address 114 Greenglen Ave, Apt. 114, Lima, OH 45805
Phone (419) 221-2411 eMail ilouth@1@hotmail.com

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name Armani Jones
Address 811 W. State St
Phone 419-810-5611 eMail jarmani419@gmail.com

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name Jane Kimmell
Address 3845 N Hardin Rd Harrod, OH 45850
Phone 419-634-1386 eMail _____

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name DEBRA BERG-SIMON
Address 827 SOUTH MAIN ST DELPHOS, OH 45833
Phone 419-204-2033 eMail bergsimon76@hotmail.com

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name Angelica Mierzejewski
Address 11015 Pevee rd Ada, OH 45810
Phone 4193716238 eMail mierzang@gmail

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the lightsource bp Birch Solar Project:

Name Tricia Wierman
Address 234 W. Murphy St.
Phone 419-516-5514 eMail _____

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
Coalition
for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Nicholas George
Address 1368 Fairgreen Ave, Lima, Ohio 45805
Phone 419 604 1274 eMail nickgeorge733@gmail.com

Name Jennifer George
Address 1368 Fairgreen Ave, Lima, OH 45805
Phone 401 567 8525 eMail shydog1jme@gmail.com

Name ROMAN R DAVIS JR
Address 510 FAIRACT Lima
Phone 419 2967174 eMail _____

Name Joseph E. Pudd II
Address 134 W. Kibby Lima, OH 45804
Phone 6 eMail _____

Name James Harbr
Address 3477 London Dr., Lima, OH
Phone 419-204-1139 eMail maximumsubs@gmail.com

Name Kimber Morgan
Address 2896 Pinegrove way, Lima OH
Phone 414-619-6235 eMail kimdem25@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
SUPPORT OUR ROADS
SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
Coalition
for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Sue Savinsky
Address 791 S. Nixon Lima
Phone 419-244-0129 eMail ssavinsky@woh.rr.com

Name KEITH BOYD
Address 5010 NAPOLEON RD, LIMA, OH 45807
Phone 419.302.3248 eMail KBOYD7311@GMAIL.COM

Name LYS SCHIELE
Address 775 S ATLANTIC AVE, LIMA, OH, 45804
Phone 253 4390237 eMail lyss771510@outlook.com

Name Deidra Thompson
Address 775 S. ATLANTIC AVENUE
Phone 406-823-9963 eMail deidra.thompson2032@gmail.com

Name Elizabeth Eley
Address 1733 Oakland Pkway, Lima, OH 45805
Phone 419-234-2256 eMail elizeley@gmail.com

Name Sarah Jordan
Address 4700 Allen town Rd. Lima, OH 45807
Phone _____ eMail for-princess@hotmail.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
 SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH
 SUPPORT OUR SAFETY SERVICES
 SUPPORT OUR ROADS
 SUPPORT CLEAN AIR
 SUPPORT SOLAR

Allen Auglaize
 Coalition
 for
Reasonable Energy

A proposed solar farm in Shawnee and Logan Townships in Allen and Auglaize Counties will deliver nearly \$3 million dollars in new revenue to our local schools and county governments every year for 30 years. **With this solar farm, more than \$80 million dollars of new revenue will flow through Allen and Auglaize Counties, reducing our tax burden, decreasing the need for levies, and creating local jobs while generating clean, pollution free electricity.** This revenue can be used to provide maintenance for our roads, fire stations, community parks and other public services.

We, the undersigned, are residents of Allen and Auglaize Counties and the Apollo Joint Vocational School District who urge our elected officials and the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the Birch Solar project. Our local community welcomes the Birch Solar Farm.

Name Angie Melvorn
 Address 522 W. Kibby St Lima, OH 45804
 Phone (419) 860-2017 eMail angie.melvorn1@aol.com

Name Emily Moore
 Address 522 W. Kibby Lima, OH
 Phone (419) 303-7021 eMail emily.moore45804@gmail.com

Name Aileen CARR
 Address 2941 Lilly Dr. LIMA, OH
 Phone _____ eMail _____

Name Joseph S. Nagy, Jr
 Address 434 S. Kentworth Ave Lima, OH 45805
 Phone 419-296-5691 eMail _____

Name Rob Hecht
 Address 1755 SHANNON ROAD 607 FORT HANCOCK, 45805
 Phone _____ eMail _____

Name KADEE FURTZ
 Address 401 N MAIN LIMA OH 4580
 Phone 419 303 8898 eMail KADEE@GMAIL.COM

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy
Online Petition Signers

First name	Last name	Email	Address	City	State	Zip code
Jonathan	Andreas	jonathan.andreas@gmail.com		Bluffton	OH	45817-1107
Kathleen	Baril	ktbaril@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45805
Eric	Broughton	broughtonerich@yahoo.com	3167 Clement Drive	Lima	OH	45806
Emily	Buckell	esbuckell@yahoo.com		Bluffton	OH	45817
Tobias	Buckell	tobias@tobiasbuckell.com		Bluffton	OH	45817
Dawn	Budd	dawnfudd@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45804
Elysia	Bush	perryelysia@gmail.com		Bluffton	OH	45817
Kerry	Bush	09bushk@gmail.com		Bluefield	WV	24701
Perry	Bush	bushp@bluffton.edu		Bluffton	OH	45817
Cynthia	Caprella	caprellac@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45805
Mark	Carpenter	mark.carpenter48@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45806
Andrew	Chappell-Dick	andy@Smallhousebluffton.com	207 N Lawn Ave	Bluffton	OH	45817
Forrest	Clingerman	fcclingerman@gmail.com		Bluffton	OH	45817
Carole	Daley	lyndaley@woh.rr.com		Lima	OH	45806
Carrie	Ellington	cmellington93@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45804
cris	elstro	celstro@gmail.com	1531 Lakewood Ave	Lima	OH	45805
Patricia	Fernandez	pfernandez@woh.rr.com		Lima	OH	45805
Maya	Fischhoff	mayaeef@umich.edu		Ada	OH	45810
Marvin	Foster	marvin.foster@gmail.com		Bluffton	OH	45817
Robin	Frazier	rfrazier18@gmail.com	2754 Amanda Lakes Dr.	Lima	OH	45805
Carol	Gibson	bobcarol.gibson@woh.rr.com	2328 Amy Dr.	Lima	OH	45807
Nancy	Goens	runningturtle@live.com	1418 W High St	Lima	OH	45805
Brian	Hanthorn	bhanthorn12@yahoo.com		Lima	OH	45801
Suzanne	Hardesty	suzanne.r.hardesty@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45801
Jeannette	Huebner	ginet50@woh.rr.com	2032 High Ridge	Lima	OH	45805
Paula	Hyman	paulalouisehyman@gmail.com	401 S. Cole	Lima	OH	45805
Jeannine	Jordan	jj@stclares.dance		Lima	OH	45805-3168
Elizabeth	Kelly	ekelly@embarqmail.com	9160 Putnam Rd	Pandora	OH	45877-9500
Sandra	Kich	sjkich@gmail.com	2531 Debbie Drive	Lima	OH	45807-1216
Bancy	Kohli	nwkohli@gmail.com	108 Barnsbury Dr.	Lima	OH	45805
Everett	Lacy	1060258lacy@gmail.com		Wapakoneta	OH	45895

Allen Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy
Online Petition Signers

First name	Last name	Email	Address	City	State	Zip code
George	Lehman	lehman@bluffton.edu		Carbondale	OH	45717
Lauren	Logan	l-logan@onu.edu		Bluffton	OH	45817
Shawn	Moore	smoore2@thewavz.com		Ada	OH	45810
Christopher	Morrissey	morrissey.chris.morrissey@gmail.com	109 Poplar St.	Bluffton	OH	45817
Garry	Mosier	gmosier@bright.net	7624 Sir Frances Drake Ave	Russells Point	OH	43348
Tawnya Rae	Neal	luvdyes@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45806
Mackenzie	Neff	neff3862@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45806
steve	neff	nefffarmer1@outlook.com	4355 South Wapak Rd	OH, Lima	OH	45806
William	Neff	neffarms@gmail.com	11951 Zerkle Rd	Lima	OH	45806-9517
Deborah	Nisly	nislyd@bluffton.edu		Bluffton	OH	45817
Holly	Norton	hlnorton45@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45805
Ashley	Numbers	missmiasgoldenmist@gmail.com	4444 S Wapak Rd	Lima	OH	45806
kyle	numbers	kyle06@gmail.com	4444 s wapak rd	lima	OH	45806
Walt	Paquin	paquinw@bluffton.edu	130 College View	Bluffton	OH	45817
Nancy	Risner	risner@netscape.net	340 S. Napoleon Rd.	Harrod	OH	45850
Alex	Rodabaugh	alex.rodabaugh@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45805
Mike	Ruppert	mruppert1971@gmail.com	605 South Blackhoof Street	Wapakoneta	OH	45895
Rebecca	Savinsky	savinars@bgsu.edu		Lima	OH	45805
Tina	Schneider	lookitupgreen@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45804
John	Stewart	johnnystardust77@yahoo.com		Lima	OH	45801
john	sunderhaus	sundy1899haus@gmail.com	427 s woodlawn ave	Lima	OH	45805
Beth	SuttonRamspeck	bsuttonr@woh.rr.com		Lima	OH	45805
Hannah	Truman	htruman16@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45806
Marie	Walton	mswaltn804@gmail.com		Lima	OH	45805
Paul	Weaver	weaverpn@bluffton.edu	145 N Spring St.	Bluffton	OH	45817
Gary	Wetherill	wetherillg@bluffton.edu	10111 Columbus Grove Road	Bluffton	OH	45817
Trish	Yarbrough	sodmw33@gmail.com		Beaverdam	OH	45808

EXHIBIT B

OHIO FARMERS UNION

2022 SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

As Adopted by the Delegates to the 88th Annual Convention

Special Order of Business

2022-03

Renewable Energy in Rural Ohio

The Ohio Farmers Union recognizes that solar and wind development provides unique benefits to farmers and to Ohio's rural economy. Utility-scale solar and wind projects require the voluntary leasing or sale of real estate, usually farmland, which provides cash income for the farmer and provides much-needed funding for local schools. These projects also provide hundreds of local jobs in construction and maintenance. Further, newer integrated farming methods can ensure that wind and solar projects will leave the underlying soils improved and not depleted after the turbines or solar panels are removed.

The transition from coal-fired electric generation to carbon-free wind and solar gener-

ation is a necessary step in our response to global climate change. Yet Ohio legislators continue to place unfair regulatory obstacles on wind and solar projects (E.g., Ohio Senate Bill 52 in 2021) that are not applicable to coal, natural gas, or nuclear facilities

To this end, OFU urges the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to provide and maintain sensible, legal pathways for prompt regulatory approval of properly sited solar and wind generation projects in rural Ohio. In addition, Ohio's Rural Electric Cooperatives should show leadership by transitioning their electric generation from coal to renewable energy sources.

Biofuels, including ethanol, biodiesel, and renewable diesel, also provide a wide range of economic and environmental benefits in rural Ohio. We support a four-year extension of the federal tax credits for existing biobased fuels. We also support extending those tax credits to newly approved formulations of Sustainable Aviation Fuels, to provide new uses for farm products and to begin the de-carbonization of the aviation industry.

Special Order of Business

2022-02

Climate Change

According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels in the Earth's atmosphere peaked at 418 parts per million level in June 2021—the highest level in the past 3.6 million years of Earth history. The concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere now increases every year and the rate of increase is accelerating. These sharp increases in CO₂ have triggered an era of global warming and climate change which will have profound effects on agriculture in the immediate present and which may hamper the ability of future generations to survive on this planet. The Ohio Farmers Union recognizes that climate change is based on sound science and has been caused by human activity since the dawn of the industrial revolution.

Last year's Glasgow Congress of Parties on Climate change recognized that even limiting global warming to 1.5°Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) requires rapid, deep, and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions, including reducing global carbon dioxide emissions by 45 per cent by 2030 relative to the 2010 level and to net zero around mid-century. As such, world and US agriculture must become part of the solution and we believe Ohio farmers and rural communities can also play an outsized role in leading the transition from a carbon-intensive agricultural economy to a cleaner, more sustainable one. We offer our strong support to the NFU's creation of its new Climate Change Policy Advisory Committee, a sixteen-member family farmer panel—to include Ohio's own Bill Miller—which will advise the NFU on climate related legislation.

Climate change mitigation will provide new economic opportunity for farmers.

Agriculture stands to gain through our unique ability to sequester carbon in our soils while still improving crop productivity and enhancing soil health. Although climate change is a global problem, OFU believes that it should be addressed by federal legislation incentivizing voluntary "climate smart" agricultural practices, such as cover crops, on-farm carbon capture and storage, re-forestation, soil conservation assistance and regenerative agriculture. OFU also believes there should be a price put on utility and industrial CO₂ emissions that would penalize those emissions and incentivize economic activities that sequester or reduce atmospheric CO₂ emissions.

OHIO FARMERS UNION

2022 SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

As Adopted by the Delegates to the 88th Annual Convention

Special Order of Business

2022-01

Landowners' Rights in Ohio

Based on legislation passed in The Ohio Legislature last year, the Union County Commissioners are now considering a total ban on solar energy development throughout the unincorporated (rural) areas of the county. If passed, farmers wishing to lease or sell their ground for large scale solar farming will be permanently prohibited from doing so.

The Ohio Farmers Union objects to this brazen usurpation (theft) of constitutionally protected landowners' rights. Farmers— and NOT local politicians — should determine when they can lease their land for clean, safe, and climate-friendly renewable energy projects.

The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, along with Article I Section 19 of the Ohio Constitution, states that "... private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation...". While the Union County Commissioners' solar ban scheme is not a straightforward condemnation action, the punitive effects on the landowner's ability to develop his or her land for its highest and best use as a solar farm, is real and permanent— and without compensation.

There is no straight-faced argument that a solar ban as proposed by Union County is legally justifiable under the County's power to regulate land use under their "health, safety and welfare" powers. The County cynically singles out solar development while turning a blind eye to far more odious land uses such as oil and gas drilling, fracking, coal mining, CAFOs, and fertilizer manufacturing. Heavy handed measures like the proposed ban are simply the latest attempt by state and local politicians to tip the scales in favor of fossil fuels and against renewable energy sources in our electric generation portfolio.

Arguments that solar development should be stopped "to preserve farmland" are simply short-sighted and wrong. A properly managed 25–30-year solar lease, which maintains perennial grasses and pollinator crops under the panels, will leave the soils far better suited for farming in the next generation, when compared with the typical corn and soybean mono cropping prevalent in the most counties today. Ag research is demonstrating that long term solar farming gives depleted soils a needed rest, enhancing their productivity into the future.

At its core, this proposed solar ban represents a governmental seizure of private property rights, without compensation to the farmer. Make no mistake, for farmers approaching retirement, the opportunity to enter into a solar farm lease could mean the difference between a comfortable retirement, and a forced sale of their land to outside developers. And for family farmers of any age, the cash flow from a solar lease of even a small portion of their farm could be a life preserver for their operation in hard times.

The OFU strongly opposes the proposed ban, urges the Union County Board of Commissioners to vote "No" on the proposal, and cautions other jurisdictions to avoid such misguided legislation.