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The Ohio Power Siting Board

180 East Broad Street

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Re: Opposition to Proposed Alamo Solar Facility in Preble County, Ohio – **OPSB Case No. 18-1578-EL-BGN**

To the members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

We are submitting this letter to state our opposition of the Alamo Solar Farm Project in Gasper Township. Our names are Mike and Patti Young. We live at 1188 W. Consolidated Road with our young daughter. We chose to move to this area 15 years ago for a few reasons. The first and foremost being the beauty of the open land surrounding our property. I cannot tell you how serene and peaceful it is looking over the fields in the evening during the summer months when the fields are full of either corn or beans. It is simply breathtaking against the sunset. When we received the first letter from Open Road Renewables informing us of the information meeting about the proposed solar panel fields coming to our area, we realized this could all possibly change.

One of the proposed solar panel fields will be directly across the road from our home. This lovely area of farmland will now be dotted with glaring solar panels, unsightly fences and cameras ensuing soil erosion and threatening the wildlife in our area. From what we understand, our community will not even benefit from the energy collected with these solar panels. The only ones benefiting will be Open Road Renewables and the few land owners who have agreed to lease their land for profit while their neighbors lose their property value.

Other than the loss of property, additional concerns are the reflection and glare from these solar panels. Will we be safe if these panels are placed directly across from our home? Could the reflection cause damage to our property or the farmer's crops across the road from these panels?

The visual impact will be substantial. The beautiful countryside will seem industrial-like if this project moves forward. The sheer size and scale of the proposed sites will ruin the natural beauty of Gasper Township's landscape.

If panels are placed in the field at the corner of Consolidated Road and Camden Road, they could cause distraction to drivers who travel down Consolidated at 50 – 55 mph and could easily cause accidents.

We object to the proposed solar panel farm in Gasper Township. These fields should be placed on brownfield sites and not the fields that are still able to produce crops surrounded by family farms.

Respectfully,

Mike and Patti Young

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January 2, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding the proposed Alamo Solar Facility, OPSB Case No 18-1578-EL-BGN.

After hearing and seeing the proposed solar panel facility plans, we oppose and have major concerns with the development of this project for the following reasons:

Based on the aerial view of the project, our 60-acre farm will be surrounded by acres of solar panels on 3 of the 4 sides of our property lines. This will negatively impact the property value of our land.

Based on seasons of heavy rainfall in southwest Ohio, drainage and storm water runoff issues will cause negative impact to downstream water areas, which includes Lake Lakengren and the lake at the Woodland Trails Boy Scout camp. In addition, this storm water runoff could easily cause issues with our current field tile drainage system.

We live directly north of the Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp. Woodland Trails is a mainly wooded area, that is prime habitat for deer, coyotes, wild turkeys, geese, ducks and other animals that rely on agriculture acreage for food. A solar panel facility in this area will take away too much agricultural ground and these animals will be looking for food in the remaining farms, destroying crops and killing farm animals. In addition, there is a local honeybee keeper near the proposed solar panel facility. The loss of farm ground is sure to impact this operation as well.

These are just a few examples of the negative impact this proposed development will have on us, and our neighbors who are continuing to farm in this area. We have put years of hard work into our farm and rely on our farm income. This facility threatens our way of life and the value of our property. We ask for this project to be denied.

Best regards,

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