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Please find attached my public comment in regard to the Alamo Solar Facility Project in Preble County, case # 18-1578-EL-BGN.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
Joanna Clippinger

Public Comment 18-1578-EL-BGN

Dear OPSB Board Members,

I am writing to you to state my opposition to the Alamo Solar Facility Project in Gasper Township, Preble County. Although I have many concerns in regard to the proposed project, I will focus my comments to the lack of transparency by Alamo Solar I, LLC and my responsibilities as the owner of an Ohio Historic Family Farm.

We were sent a letter by Alamo Solar in November of 2018 in regard to a public information meeting about their proposed project that would be, as stated in their letter, "about 2 miles south of Eaton". Considering my family farm is located six miles south of Eaton, I did not think my farm would be as affected by the project. Therefore, I chose not to attend the meeting.

Imagine my surprise three weeks ago when I was informed by neighbors that the farm across the road from ours would be going into Alamo's project. (To reiterate, this farm is four miles farther south than Alamo stated.) If Alamo Solar and their employees were truly to "appreciate the chance to connect and discuss any questions or concerns", as stated in the letter, they would have been more transparent with the community and neighboring property owners. I believe Alamo purposely provided insufficient information about the project to allow an inadequate evaluation by neighboring landowners and to avoid opposition to the project.

My reason for opposition of a solar farm adjacent to my land is the responsibility I feel as the owner of an Ohio Century Farm. The Weist Farm has been in my family since 1909 and I am very proud to be the 4<sup>th</sup> generation to own and operate our farm. I think about how hard the previous generations worked, through World Wars, the Depression and other adversities, to keep our farm viable for their families and future generations.

My husband and I have also worked hard to maintain the farm's viability for the next generation of our family. However, will my children be able to make a living off a farm that has too much runoff from a solar farm? Will the farm's yields be adversely affected by wildlife eating the crops because nearly 1,000 neighboring acres have been fenced off from them? Will my children choose to raise a family next to a solar farm? I don't know the answers to those questions, but I feel a sense of sadness that I may be the last generation living on our Ohio Historic Family Farm because of the Alamo Solar Facility Project.

Respectfully yours,

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