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To the members of the Ohio Power Siting Board, As owners of neighboring property, we would like to express our concerns about the Angelina Solar project. While attention has been brought to the affected townships in Preble County, nothing has been addressed for Union County, Indiana, which is where our property lies, adjacent to the project. We are opposed to the project for the following reasons. First, this project is proposed in an area where the soils are highly productive, and we feel this land should remain in agriculture. There are multiple resources that can produce energy and electricity, but you cannot "produce" more land. The world's population will continue to grow, and we will need all available crop land to be used to feed the growing population. Second, if this project proceeds as planned, we have major concerns about the future drainage and surface water runoff. We are estimating that there are approximately 200 acres of watershed that drains through our land that eventually ends up in Little Four Mile Creek and drains into Acton Lake in Hueston Woods State Park. We have installed extensive drainage tile and waterways on our property at considerable expense. We are concerned about the damage that may be done on existing tile and how it will affect the flow of water onto our property. The panels may cause increased surface water runoff, and without proper planning, this may create serious and expensive problems in the future. In conversations with one of the landowners who has committed land to this project, he has expressed concerns over damage to the existing tile on his property. As a landowner who understands the importance of field tile, he is unsure how well the contractors also understand the importance and expense of field tile and the role it plays in proper drainage and the damaging effects of increased surface runoff. How will the damage be rectified when this becomes a problem in the future? Who will be responsible for repair and/or replacement? The landowners will not feel obligated. This issue needs to be addressed before construction begins. We respect our neighbors and their rights, but we oppose this project for the reasons given and the future of agriculture in our area.

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To the OPSB members.

Although I respect my neighbors, I am opposed to the solar project for a couple of reasons.

I feel there are better locations to place solar panels than on prime agriculture land. Also, I have lived here my entire life as a farmer and know the importance of field tile. I started tiling land in the 1960's and have seen the benefits of drainage tile. I know from past experience that if tile is damaged, it may take 1-2 years for the problems to become evident. It will be nearly impossible to know if tile is damaged during construction, either by driving poles in the ground or trenching wire. Existing tile is sometimes difficult to locate, even with current maps, or with no maps at all, from tile installed 50-60 years ago.

The proposed solar project will border my property and will also be directly across the road from my property, with several acres draining onto my land. This causes great concern for what water problems may arise in the future.

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