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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board OPSB,

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board

I am writing to you today in support of the 300 megawatt solar installation in Highland County. Ohio lags far behind the rest of the country in developing renewable energy, with less than 3% of our generation coming from clean energy. This is an opportunity to bring a large-scale solar project to southern Ohio! Investing in renewable energy brings jobs, mitigates climate change, and boosts our economy.

Please join me in supporting this project to build a healthier tomorrow. Protecting the air, water, and land of all who call Ohio home.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Roy Wentzel
1178 Francisco Rd
Columbus, OH 43220 

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Sincerely,
Charlotte Elster
50 Fire Department Ln
The Plains, OH 45780 

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Sincerely,
Eric Deck
187 Laura Dr

Columbus, OH 43230 

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Sincerely,
Heidi Thomann Tewarson
189 Forest St
Oberlin, OH 44074 

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Sincerely,
Jacalyn Walker
10949 Mad River Rd
New Vienna, OH 45159 

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Although the public widely supports clean energy, Ohio continues to lag behind in wind and solar investment. This is especially true in Ohio's Appalachian region, which has long been tied to the boom and bust cycle of extractive industries such as coal and oil, and has seen little long-term economic development and opportunities in the clean energy sector. Large clean energy projects like the 300 MW Highland Solar project will make Ohio more attractive to businesses as businesses increasingly have clean energy goals. In Ohio alone, IKEA, Amazon, Gap Inc., Nestlé, Schneider Electric, Campbell Soup Company, Google, Whirlpool Corporation, United Technologies Corporation, Owens Corning, General Motors, and others have made announcements fully supporting renewable energy. It's imperative that we look to the future of energy production by permitting the Highland Solar Farm to move forward.

Lee Blackburn

Pataskala, Ohio 

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To Whom It May Concern: Please accept my support for the 400 MW solar project proposed to be constructed in southern Ohio known as the Highland Solar Farm. I have worked in community and economic development for the past 22 years in Appalachia Ohio and see this project as the opportunity to create thousands of jobs and promote the jobs induced affect 2-3 times that number. I work with startup businesses across Appalachia and want to see more needs identified so that our entrepreneurs can become part of Ohio's promotion as solar energy farms as the region's next set of coal plants. If you have any questions regarding my support, please call me at 740/590-0969

Jennifer Simon 

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From: [Ohio Power Siting Board](#)
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Ken and Karla Bolser
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Sardinia, Ohio 45171

March 21, 2019

The Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Re: 18-1334-EL-BGN - Highland Solar Farm

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the Public Hearing held at Whiteoak High School on March 19th regarding the Highland Solar Farm. When I arrived I was given the opportunity to sign up to speak and given handouts for the project, I declined since my thoughts were already sent to the board in my original letter. I was in attendance to hear how my neighbors felt about the project since we had not heard of any other meetings within our community except the announcement in September 2018 of the intent to file an application.

After sitting for three hours and listening to the views of many of our neighbors from the community and many others that came to give their opinion and do not live in our community, it seems that most that do not live near the proposed site favor it, and those that live near the site are very concerned. It has not been made clear as to how our opinions matter during this process. There are a lot of questions being asked about the project and how it will affect our quality of life and property, who is going to supply us with those answers? The only thing that I have received is information from the applicant telling us how this project will benefit our community and it is the best thing for all of us.

How can a project that goes against Legislation, which the consumer does not need, be forced upon us and we are ultimately also forced to fund happen?

The following are local articles:

By Tristan Navera – Staff reporter, Columbus Business First

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel opposes the project, saying that AEP's request to charge consumers for the plants goes against guidelines passed by the Legislature in 2008 that utilities that are considered monopolies should not build and operate new power plants.

The Ohio Coal Association, the Kroger Company, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, Direct Energy and IGS also oppose AEP's plans.


By: January 17, 2019 Andrew Shirley, The Ohio Star

The farm is being developed by American Electric Power, an electric utility that provides power to millions of people nationally, including 1.5 million in Ohio. This has been the source of some controversy. As an electric utility, it operates in a regulated market that is subsidized by taxpayers. Therefore taxpayers would be legally forced to foot the bill to build a power plant that they do not need.

The project is being opposed by a wide swathe of groups, including;” Ohio Coal Association, Kroger, Industrial Energy Users, IGS and Direct Energy.” Surprisingly, the Ohio Manufacturers Association, who has an extensive history of backing renewable power throughout the state has come out against the plant, noting in a public statement: Customers should not be required to pay for and guarantee the risk for this project unless AEP can prove to state regulators that there is a need for the power plant that will be paid for by ratepayers. It’s a well-known fact that the region presently enjoys a significant surplus of electric capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken and Karla Bolser

Cc: Highland County Commissioners 

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