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To Whom It May Concern:

In April of 2020 my wife and I purchased our home in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio. This home was selected because of its quiet country atmosphere, beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife. This new home did not just magically happen. It came with years of investing, sacrificing other wants and needs to save money for our “dream home”.

In November of 2020 I learned of the proposed solar farm by Birch Solar, LLC that is projected to cover over an astonishing 2,600 acres. This solar “farm” would basically surround the entire area I recently called home.

I am deeply concerned as a new home owner of the effects of this project. From depreciating property values to environmental and natural resource depletion and so much more.

I very much enjoy sitting on my deck and watching deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, cardinals, blue jays, geese, wood peckers and the occasional bald eagle (which we have fought hard to protect and bring back to this area) grazing in the back field and neighboring woods.

No one in good conscience can say that these solar farms do not have a negative impact. I want to be very clear that I am in favor of researching renewable energy sources but not at the cost of depleting woodlands, farm land (which not only provides food for human consumption but wildlife) and more.

I am also concerned with the health and welfare of my fellow man. Going from beautiful scenery and wildlife to a view of shiny mirrors in no way, shape, or form is beneficial to an individual’s mental state.

I implore you to please consider the opinions and comments of local residents and the negative effects this project would have on our community above that of increased tax revenue when making this decision.

Respectfully,

Andrew Golden
Resident of Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio



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