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Against Solar Project being proposed in a densely populated area

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We are going on record to state we are opposed to the solar project going in to our community. We question the safety of putting such a large solar field in the front, back and side yards of so many homes. Why here? We are NOT sunny like the desert nor sparsely populated like the areas where other solar projects are located. If you look at Lightsource BP's photos of the solar "fields" you MUST ask yourself, "Where are the houses?" There are none! So WHY here? Please do your due diligence and research the effects of having a solar project so close to homes and wells. Our health is at stake. The damage to wildlife and the fencing that will become our cherished "view" will forever be altered. What about our home values? Who would want to buy a home with a view of solar panels, not to mention the long-term affects that are yet to be discovered on the health of people living amongst them and the environment. One has to question the moral and ethical values of a company that conducts itself with such secrecy and questionable "legal" hush money. So the question we have to this governing agency is, would YOU put this in YOUR community and YOUR backyard? These types of projects should be put in areas that are far less populated. THIS IS NOT AN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. This DESTROYS agriculture. The profits of a few should not outweigh the destruction of many. God created this beauty and, once again, man will destroy it. We DO NOT want this in Logan Township, Auglaize County and are asking that you do NOT approve this project. For the record, we are not against green energy. There are far more appropriate, less populated areas for solar projects.

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To whom it may concern:

Re: Proposed site of Lima Ohio Birch Solar Industrial Project

I am writing to you because there is a proposed Solar Farm that is coming to our community. Let me start by saying that I am not against solar farms. Just not in my backyard and not in such a densely populated area. This will have a negative effect on the Shawnee community and will lead to a loss of property values, loss of new families locating here and loss of tax money for our schools, to name a few. This makes me so sad that something like this can happen to our community. Our woods will have solar panels on 3 sides if this goes through.

From what the Birch Solar project staff have said, they picked this area because the farmers were willing to lease their land. I do not blame the farmers, it definitely is a good deal for them. I wonder if the farmers had any understanding of how detrimental this will be to our community. The project leased the land and then contacted the community and adjoining land owners to pitch their plan. It feels like they are rushing us through this process hoping they can push this through so we don't have time to question their plans. We are hoping that we are in time to have a say in this project. Our community and adjoining land owners should have a say in what happens.

We built our home 30 plus years ago on 6 acres of land just far out enough for us to consider ourselves in the country but close enough to the schools for our children. Our wooded land has been a joy to us, our kids and now our grandchildren. We have enjoyed the wildlife that live here with us: deer, owls, wild turkeys and an eagle every once in a while. Our grandchildren, as they are growing up, are enjoying our little piece of heaven. How sad it would be to see solar panels surrounding our woods as we sit on our patio.

In listening to the public informational meetings, Lightsource BP seem to talk in circles and not really answer questions that were asked. They say it will be well maintained, that there will be plenty of trees/shrubs, fences, animals that will make this a great addition to our community. That is not what we want to see here.

No matter how much the Birch Solar Project says it will do to disguise the panels, it will not change the fact that this will have a negative impact on the homes, community, and schools in this area.

Please consider helping us stop this from happening to our community.

Linda and Denny Beckstedt 

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