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Subject: Proposed site of Lima Ohio Birch Solar Industrial Project

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. (We have not been contacted yet) 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 representatives 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. What will this do to our farm land, drinking wells, environment and wildlife?

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.

We are very concerned about what this will do to our home and environment. Please help us stop this from happening to our community.

Tearfully,

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