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As a local resident, whose property borders within 50 ft of the Birch Solar industry proposed project in Allen County, I have many concerns:

- 1) The solar project panel through potential erosion will compromise the private wells and septic systems already in place.
- 2) Birch Solar believes a payment to ease the distresses is enough. Besides the mental torture of construction and other issues caused by this project, this does not even come close to the financial loss from having an industrial project close to my home. This payment will be taxable income, which automatically decreases any payment by half. In addition to losing property value, the expense to remedy the damage to utilities caused by this project will not even come close to the cost to install public utilities or have my well tested frequently.
- 3) Since the solar panels will create a problem with water run-off, and pooling of water, this will contribute to the already high water table in the area. This creates additional problems and costs for the surrounding landowners specifically because of this project.
- 4) Birch Solar has a proposed set back of 300 feet from the road. Our well and home is even closer than the 300 ft. I do not believe the setback is far enough to protect us. Please do not allow any project to endanger our health or our home. I believe it is your duty to protect the homeowner from any harm due to this project.

As a rural citizen, I am very upset that our local elected officials and our zoning authority has no control over making decisions about what is in the best interest of the people of Allen County when it comes to Solar projects. I am upset that large industries, like BP and a few farmers are permitted to make decisions about the landscape of our county and the current/future health of all of our residents. As a Citing Board, your job is to make decisions that are in the best interest of us, that keep us safe and protect us, not to pad the pockets of big business and a few farmers. This project is too close to a heavily populated community, it will affect the wild life and it will change the landscape of Allen and Auglaize counties. The income for the schools will not be new money, it will only cause the state funding to decrease—so it does not add new money. The local community does not want this project this close to a highly populated rural community.

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