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I have lived in Clinton County my entire 75 years. My father was involved in agriculture his entire life. He raised corn, soy beans, and wheat. He was also vested in raising hogs. To help support the family dad also trapped and hunted the land. We often had pheasants, squirrels, rabbits and quail on the dinner table. Trapping bought us school clothes at the time. It was a difficult time, but we loved the outdoors, the wildlife, the ability to look over the landscape and see for miles corn, beans, woods, and life. Farmers worked hard to support their families and care for the land. In later years, to supplement our income, dad sold seed corn and beans as well as fertilizer. We would travel miles to Maumee, Ohio to procure these commodities. We had to purchase a large truck to haul these items and build a Morton building for storage. We cared for the land! We helped neighbors raise their crops to earn a living. And now Yellow Wood will destroy years of our labor.

Land owners and investors have been lured into leasing their land at extravagant prices. Prices much higher than they profit from agriculture. However, these prices have a down side. Thousands of agricultural acres are being lost. The beauty of our community is dimming. Investors have purchased hundreds of acres merely to lease the profit of a few. They have no concern for others or the agricultural community. Few investors live in the area. They are here merely to line their pockets at our expense. A few profit, the majority lose.

These Solar Farms are a hideous site. Fenced in areas with razor wire. Poor drainage, so fields of mud. County roadways unable to handle the traffic or heavy machinery. Unknown and untested health issues. EMF radiation exposed to my grandchildren. Most of the residents have drilled wells. What happens to the water supply? How safe will the water be? What pollutants will we find? What happens to our property values we have worked so hard to establish? How will this affect remaining agricultural land? How will temperature changes alter the environment? What happens to the wildlife we cherish? I believe that our environment, our ecology, our health, and the beauty of our land will be destroyed. Will fracking be a part of this project?

Not only will the beauty, solitude, peace and serenity of our homes be lost but the beauty of God's creation will disappear. I want to look out and see life, not solar panels. I want to see my efforts to maintain the land secure, not to see solar panels. I want my children to inherit the beauty of this land, not solar panels. I want my community to maintain its rich heritage in agriculture, not solar panels. I want to see ALL profit, not a selfish FEW.

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