

Dear Sirs:

I have been a resident of the Highland and Clinton County Communities for most of my adult life. My family moved here when I was a young child; and, after I was married, my husband and I moved back to this area, as we wanted to raise our family here. There are so many reasons why this community has been an ideal area that we have been proud to have raised our family. From the abundance of nature to the agrarian lifestyle to the closeness of the members of the community, it has been a place that has largely been insulated from many of the problems that have arisen in the rest of the world.

Unfortunately, that community environment is being threatened by the new solar project that has been approved for our community; and I am writing to voice my strong opposition to it.

It is my understanding that this project has been in the pipeline for a considerable amount of time, but until the recent community meeting, I – along with many of my neighbors – weren't even made aware that it was approved. Sure, there had been rumors, but there was nothing more than that. So, there was no time allocated for input from the community; and there was no chance for property owners, such as myself, to make arrangements for a post-solar landscape, which significantly affects our environment, as well as the equity in our property.

There are many ways that this will affect us. It will be a blight on the rural landscape, transforming endless plant life, fields, and natural beauty into one of an industrial-scape that will overshadow everything around it. For example, our land is a mating ground for geese that arrive every spring. There is a significant question as to whether that will continue. It is also the home of many herds of deer, that graze and wonder about the property. They will almost certainly be scared from their generation-spanning grazing grounds. In addition to the natural affects, it will also make many moderately trafficked rural intersections far more dangerous, as the tall solar panels will block many lines-of-sight which are essential for safely maneuvering out of such intersections.

For this, as so many other reasons, I write you to urge you, our elected representatives and bureaucratic officials to put a hold on this project. I support legislation that gives communities a voice, and urge officials to aid the people they serve rather than big energy companies and a handful of powerful land owners, who have hit resources to drown out the voices of their neighbors.

In conclusion, I truly believe in green energy. My family has owned five hybrid vehicles in the last several years, as well as investigated and discussed many ways to improve the energy efficiency of our home and reduce our carbon footprint. I also believe that, generally speaking, a property owner should have the right to do whatever they legally please with their property. That said, how this has been presented and rolled out has been very wrong. It was once said that one person's rights end where another's begin. As such, the entire community should have been given a voice in this process rather than being informed at a point that is almost past the point of no return.

So, I would urge you to take appropriate steps in order to give the people of our community a true voice and true representation in this process.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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