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Subject: Hancock County, Washington Township Solar Farm

Mr. Butler
Good Afternoon.
Thank you for taking the time to read this email.
I am writing to you in response to the latest Renewable Energy Project that is in the early planning stages in Washington Township located in Northeastern Hancock County.
There is no doubt there is a need for renewable energy in the country to some extent. Should the extent come at the risk of those who surround the energy fields or should it be that those who are willing to sell or lease there land be at risk.
I chose to live in Washington Township because of the remote location and indirect neighbors. My closest neighbor is over 200 yards away. I can sit on my back deck in the morning drinking coffee and watch the sunrise for miles. I can sit on my front porch and sip on wine watching the sunset in the distance. I have seen many forms of wildlife running across the field behind my house. I have seen the deer feeding in this same field after crops are taken off. I look to the sky and see many species of birds flying over. Blue birds, doves, mocking birds, cranes, geese, buzzard and even occasionally I get to see an eagle.
Why do I tell you about all of this? I tell this to you because I am directly impacted by these solar fields. The East side and South side of our property will be riddled with solar panels. I will no longer see deer feeding or running across these fields. I will no longer see the sunrise for miles across a field of crop or nothingness. I will no longer see my friends and families from across the field.
I now have to fear water run off and flooding from tile getting plugged with no access to fix. This includes my house drainage tile that is tied in to this same field tile. I fear flooding on my property because the field that once absorbed this water will no longer be able to do so. I fear this same water could be contaminated and get into my well drinking water causing harm to myself and my family. I fear the glare from the panels could cause harm to myself, my family and animals. My health is at risk and I should not have to live in fear because of someone else
The same farmers selling or renting this land do not live on the property these fields are proposed. Why don't they have to live on the property they are proposing to sell or lease. How can a project be considered when those directly affectes have ZERO vote in the approval process or development of the project. The only thing we can hope for is that our voice be heard. We hope that our voice can raise above the months of construction only to have the energy benefit some large corporations that have money to pay for it.
My little Village and my community is at risk of loss due to this Renewable Energy.
Can this Township handle all the risks associated?
I doubt it.
My Community is my family and I do not want my community to be at risk.
Save our community.
Save our pride in Agricultural history enacted years ago to preserve that history and pride. Check the zoning. We love our land.

God Bless and be with Washington Township Hancock County land preservation.

Thank you
Colleen Laveglia

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