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I am writing to express my concern for the Birch solar project's application with the Ohio Power Siting Board.

While I do believe in protecting local farmers' property rights and livelihoods and providing clean energy for Ohio; I'm deeply troubled by the misrepresentation and misleading images and verbage of the promotional literature and videos of the Birch Solar farm. There are limited studies to prove the benefit of solar farms to the existing natural habitats. There are many unknowns in fact that these solar farms may actually harm watersheds and associated wildlife. In addition, the presence of the digitized (fake) red-tailed hawk in the video creates a false narrative of how native wildlife will interact with the solar panels. Non-native and invasive species are shown in the video. Making it obvious that "experienced" land managers were not involved. Managing native grass and forbs plantings is an intensive, laborious job. I do not believe the proper future management of solar farms in Ohio can be guaranteed and thus will create an even bigger problem for our natural resource stewardship in the future.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Morrow  
Natural Resources professional in Central Ohio

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I am writing to express my support for all solar projects that are in application with the Ohio Power Siting Board. The economical impacts to some of these small very rural communities will be long lasting financial boosts. They will also help protect Lake Erie as some farmland will be taken out of commercial production which will lessen the commercial fertilization load.

Thank you,

Jason Pfau  
Pfau Family LLC. Managing Partner  
Co-owner Buckeye Meats and Processing

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