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the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center would:

- Provide enough solar energy to power 49,593 homes
- Reduce carbon emissions equivalent to taking 54,358 cars off the road
- Lower pollution is enough to cut health care costs by \$75 million and result in 8 fewer deaths from air pollution, 233 fewer cases of breathing illness, and 2,313 fewer missed school days
- Create up to 800 construction jobs
- Generate \$1.75 million in direct tax revenue per year for South-Western City Schools, Pleasant and Prairie Townships, Franklin County, Southwest Public Libraries, and local fire districts.
- Invest \$4.4 million in economic impact in our local community per year

Our community and county need this!!! Please approve!

Thank You for your time and consideration.

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I write in support of pleasant township prairie solar project.

I write as a homeowner and taxpayer and rate payer.

I write as someone who has invested in energy efficiency but knows that we cannot solve the devastation of climate change on an individual basis.

I ask the OPSB to permit this project to go forward and let the communities of Franklin county be the beneficiaries of clean renewable energy.

Finally I ask for my 2 year old granddaughter to be able to grow up in a world free of fossil fuel pollution.

Thanks,

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I am writing in support of the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Project. There are many excellent reasons to support this not the least of which is another available power source for the coming changes in our climate like hotter summers and colder winters. I am writing in relation to those climate changes about the direct impact it has on me and people like me who have allergies and asthma.

While I have had environmental inhaled and skin allergies as long as I can remember, the conditions have become much worse in the last decade. As a kid I always had summer bronchitis until they took my tonsils out which made the condition better. My mom used to send a vial of epinephrine and a syringe with me to summer camp. We found out I am allergic to Benedryl the first year I went away to Girl Scout camp for two weeks instead of one and got a terrible case of poison ivy. I first went to an allergist as a teenager and had prescription oral medications to take. Once antihistamines were available over the counter I took them year round and the first ones had serious problems with making me drowsy.

I went along until I had kids and started to get middle ear infections. I was sent back to an allergist and this time agreed to take shots (in addition to oral medications and a nose spray) for several years until I reached equilibrium. I was told though never to open windows at home due to the allergens outside that can come in. This meant we use air conditioning for several more months than most people do. I was given other instructions about wearing a mask when cleaning and using special pillow cases and washing bedding only in hot water to kill dust mites. You can see how the costs of this are adding up over time.

Then a few years ago I was diagnosed with asthma. The first few times it happens they call it reactive airway disease because once you have that diagnosis you are put into a different category by health insurance. This meant adding some prescription inhalers, carrying a rescue inhaler and some bouts with oral steroids in addition to oral allergy medications and nose sprays. The point is to avoid oral steroids. And it was recommended I go back on allergy shots. At one point between inhalers, oral and topical medications, nose sprays and even antibiotic lavages of my sinuses I was on eight different medications most of them by prescription. I am lucky my husband has excellent health care coverage. I faithfully took everything I was supposed to and did everything they told me to and have gradually gotten better. I still cannot have the windows open and frankly stay inside as much as possible when the pollen count is high and the air quality alerts are out. Last summer I had sinus surgery which went well but this year was diagnosed with Eosinophilic Esophagitis which is not food allergy

related but is a mix of environmental allergies and reflux. That added another medication. I currently take two oral medications, then other oral and topical medications as needed plus I carry a rescue inhaler and the equivalent of an epi pen and take allergy shots every 2-4 weeks.

What does this have to do with climate change and solar energy? It has been studied and shown that the increase in CO2 and temperature has led to an increase in the amount of pollens, molds and the oils people are allergic to in poison ivy. Warmer weather means a longer growing season which extends the allergy seasons for even people with mild inhaled allergies. Flooding increases the amount of mold contamination. Also burning fossil fuels has a direct impact on people with other respiratory illnesses. We have no clue yet who and how many people who had COVID will go on to have long term respiratory problems.

Allergies and asthma impact people of all ages and many do not have the resources I have for treatment. This means missed school days and work days and trips to the ER. All of this adds to the overall healthcare costs of the nation as those who really cannot pay are covered by government programs. And there is no way to measure the misery of those who are ill and the anxiety of those who care for them. A start is to lessen the use of fossil fuels and increase renewable and green energy programs. It seems the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center project is a good addition to the progress that has been made. The reason I am sending in written comments is because the grass pollen count is up and as much as I love nature I don't get out much in it anymore. Do you know that people with high pollen allergies are told to change clothes and get a shower whenever they come in from outside?

Here are some resources about the impact of climate change on allergies and asthma:

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

Climate and Health Concerns for Allergies and Asthma

<https://www.aafa.org/climate-and-health/>

Extreme Allergies and Climate Change

<https://www.aafa.org/extreme-allergies-and-climate-change/>

American Public Health Association

Climate changes Allergies and Asthma

<https://www.aafa.org/extreme-allergies-and-climate-change/>

American Lung Association

Asthma and Climate Change: What You Need to Know

<https://www.lung.org/blog/asthma-and-climate-change>

Thank you for your time and attention.

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