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To The Ohio Power Siting Board:

This letter is being sent in support of my fellow Hancock County Cass Township residents who oppose The massive solar farms being planned here.

The attached material pretty much covers the objections. I think it is a really bad use of farm land and any future recovery of the land difficult & expensive.

I've received offers to lease my land from a party in California! It is in the toasts!

Thank you,

John Waggoner

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Columbus, Ohio 43215



Attention Cass Township Resident:

Border Basin I LLC is attempting to install a 1,356 acre solar farm in Cass Township. The decision for this project will be made by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Part of their consideration will be any written or emailed comments for or against this installation.

To learn more about the project, please go to <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/cases>. The case number is 21-0277 or sort by county. Click on project name. Click on the guide to "Public Participation" to learn all your options.

Border Basin has started the application process to the OPSB. To view all the documents and public comments go to "<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/>". Enter case number 21-0277. To date, there are only 9 comments recorded on this matter. We can do better.

We need to express our opinions as written comments that will be filed with the case. Please consider sending an email or mailing a letter to the contacts below.

Email: contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov

Mail:

Ohio Power Siting Board

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ITEMS TO CONSIDER:

- Size: Cass Township is 24 square miles, which equals 15,360 acres. The solar panels will cover 9% of the total land of Cass Township. If you look at that from the perspective of wildlife habitat lost or available farmland lost, the percentages are significantly higher.
- Glare from the panels to drivers and homeowners
- Drainage Impacts
- Visual Impacts
- Acoustics or sound level changes
- Potential for road damage on bridges and culverts during construction
- Property value changes

NEXT MEETING: Acadia Community Center, Wednesday July 7th at 7 pm.

Cass Township Residents please act to stop the installation of Solar Panels in this area!

It's not too late for you to join in, oppose and make your voice heard. The projects in Washington and Cass Townships **have not been approved by the OPSB yet.** Seven individuals in Columbus have the authority to seal your fate regarding your property rights. Multiple complaints on previous projects have been effective.

Do you really want to live around these ugly solar panels? They do nothing to serve the power in this area.

The majority of residents will not benefit in any way from these projects, only a few will reap the financial benefit.

These solar panel "farms/industrial sites" will take a foothold in our townships and spread across acres and acres of precious farmland.

It may not be in your back yard yet but it could be once it starts. These projects snowball once instituted which has occurred in other areas in Ohio.

These industrial areas are known to **DEVALUE YOUR PROPERTY, CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND DRAINAGE ISSUES and are INTRUSIVE TO WILDLIFE**

You can:

Attend the Cass Twp monthly meeting Monday July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and support the opposition to these projects. The Township can influence the approval or disapproval.

Or send an email in opposition to OPSB stating any of or all these reasons and you do not want these to endanger our living space and food source.

matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov (This gentleman will file the complaint when you send the email)

For additional information follow on facebook: Promote Wise Land Us, not Solar Farms Hancock County Ohio

And/or Lima Ohio Birch Solar Industrial Project

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To whom it may concern:

I am and have been a resident of Cass Township many years. I own acres of land that I have farmed and also have raised my family in this area. My hope is that the Solar Panel project being proposed in this township as well as Washington Twp will be denied by you due to the nature of the zoning and agricultural status that has been present and upheld here for many years.

I am opposed to these projects and my main concern is for the preservation of farmland in this area and for future generations to have the opportunity to continue to farm this precious commodity.

The majority of people in these townships will not benefit from these projects based on your criteria for approval to "serve the public interest", "convenience" and "necessity". Only a small number of land owners and of course the Solar Facilities will benefit financially.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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