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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

My family bought the home farm in 1950. My father was a lifetime farmer. I am a lifetime farmer as well though I took time to be educated as far as obtaining a masters degree in city regional planning. I now have children whom I do not get to see as often as I like due to the demanding time constraints that current agriculture demands. Farm bigger, farm faster, use more inputs. The opportunities solar development will provide will afford more time to teach my children a more fulfilling form of production. Such as raising something we can actually eat as well as animal husbandry. It will also allow us to seek organic status and raise sheep among the panels. I have researched these subjects for 2.5 years now. The misinformation out there surrounding utility scale solar is disturbing. We feel we can make better contributions to society rather than being merely labors and risk takers. Solar is more important to us than people's opinions and notions about something that has not happened. Many people are hypocrites that are in opposition and have shown their true colors. Some cite health concerns yet smoke cigarettes. Yet another is worried about housing values when they themselves built a permanent pole barn just hundreds of feet from 5 homes. These are just a couple of examples of many. Please also consider this is not a permanent land use change. Will these areas be the only open spaces in 30 years. We are for this project because it fits so many of our values. Please do not get distracted from what this project means to our family.

Sincerely,
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