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I take very seriously Pope Francis teaching on the Environment along with the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society. These previously mentioned sources mention that the Paris Accord and prevention of temperature increases must be done by renewable energy and not Fossil fuels or nuclear energy. Solar energy is a renewable energy source that must be used to counter the effects of manmade carbon dioxide. The opposition offers no solution to global warming.

The main arguments used by the opposition is erosion and taking farmland out of production. My dad Plans to improve the drainage. of the land for the solar project so that there will be less erosion. Concerning loss of land in agricultural production this will help the environment rather than harm the environment. There is too much fertilizer runoff in Lake Erie due to excessive use of farmland.

Mark Wellman is one of the main opponents to solar energy. Mark Wellman has a PhD degree in Business Administration and not in renewable energy. Dr. Wellman speaks many half truths and does not check his facts clearly. Dr. Wellman main critic is the Birch Tree Solar Farm is too close to subdivisions. The Birch Tree Solar Farm has been scaled back and will have 300 foot setbacks. Dr. Wellman is against solar developments in rural settings such as Seneca and Greene Counties. Dr. Wellman wants Solar Panels to be used only on rooftops which limits the use of solar energy greatly. This previously professor at the University of Maryland school of business states that Lightsource Bp has pay high teens and poor benefits. Dr. Wellman offers no proof of this previously mentioned claim. In fact the working conditions would be better than the underground coal industry.

A second claim that has been posted on the opponents of solar panels is that they are made in China. LightSource BP uses panels that are not made in China. Based on these comments the opposition has no grounds to oppose the Birch tree Solar Farm. The opposition especially Dr. Wellman is full of lies. There is no effort to offer alternatives such as energy conservation to reduce the carbon footprint from Dr. Wellman. Global Warming will be a serious threat if no action is taken in the next 30 years. Birch Tree Solar Farm will reduce global warming. 

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