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As a resident of Harrison Township in Beechwood Trails I further clarify my position FOR the Union Ridge Solar project on Watkins Rd. with additional facts.

1. The dollar amount generated from the project is as follows:  
"Union Ridge receives a tax abatement on their taxes in exchange for the direct payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) that the County and community receives. The dollar amount is agreed upon to be \$9,000/MW paid annually over the course of the facility's lifetime, which equates to \$969,300 annually for the anticipated 30+ years. The allocation of the money (for the first \$7,000/MW) that goes to the school district, township, etc. follows the existing apportionment of the current property taxes any member of the community pays and is set by the state legislation, not by the stated agreement. The additional \$2,000/MW (that brings the total contribution to \$9,000/MW) goes to the County and they decide how that money is allocated".

**The money from this project over the 30+ years is significant; greatly benefitting our local community (as stated above).**

2. The current owner of the land (farm family) could sell their property to a housing or commercial developer. Although houses pay taxes as well as business entities, I'm not sure the tax generated would equal the money received from the Union Ridge solar project. In addition, if homes &/or businesses were built there would be initial infrastructure and ongoing infrastructure costs (roads, sewer, electrical, etc.) along with an additional burden on the school district if children resided in these homes. School taxes would cover some of the education costs, but school levies may be part of the equation if enough children moved into these homes (300-400 est.). I'm not sure a commercial business on this site would generate the amount of taxes that Union Ridge is contributing to the local community.
3. The nature of their (Union Ridge) business to me is innocuous. Their footprint on the land may be on a large scale yet their environmental impact is significantly less than additional roads, houses, cars, pollution, traffic, noise, etc.
4. Nearby neighbors have rights yet their rights to others land use, their view reside within the confines of their purchased surveyed property. I did not do research on Ohio case law; however, my position is the landowner has rights to develop his/her land for their benefit. In this case, I believe the landowner and the local community including the

school district are the majority benefactors of this project.

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