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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose the solar panels that are proposed for Cass and Washington townships.

My hope is these will be rejected due to fact that these are on old swamp land. This area is known as Great Black Swamp. It was settled in 1832 under some pretty rough conditions. Water was black and teeming with mosquitos and other insects. Many early settlers died or moved on. They cleared this land to be a farming community and it took several months of hard labor just to clear enough land to be able to survive. Some moved on due to hardships This area was home to timberwolves and wildcats. Water stood 6 inches year around.

With this in mind I would like to point out that this solar industry plans to come in cut off tile save maybe only the mains. If you believe anything they say I got a bridge in NY I'll sell ya darn cheap. This would cause exponential flooding in our area. Neighboring crops may be ruined. It is nothing unusual that we may get a 6inch rain at couple times a year. When these rains come flash flooding comes too and every bit of tile helps to keep water off roads for those travelling. If we allow this to happen it will be absolutely detrimental to our community of farmers. Water will race across neighboring fields and roads just trying to find a way to get away. These solar people are out of their league and have no clue about this landscape and need to be sent packing.

Sincerely

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