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As candidates seeking Trustee positions in Shawnee Township, Ohio, we are respectfully writing to express our opposition to the Birch Solar Project; Case 20-1605-EL-BGN proposed for certain parts of the Township.

Our opposition to this endeavor is based on the following:

1. The project was not initiated in good faith in an above-board fashion. This raises serious questions as to intent.
2. The project is excessive in size and dimension.
3. The loss of valuable farmland, woodlands and the disruption to wildlife habitat will be too substantial.
4. There is insufficient information regarding remediation of potential hazardous issues as well as the eventual removal and cleanup of the site.
5. The payments in lieu of taxes offered to local entities is insufficient and inconsequential given the potential for permanent damage to Shawnee Township.

We are keenly aware of our nation's need to begin developing alternative energy sources but this project is simply not in the right place or time.

We ask that this communication be received and entered into to the official record of proceedings involving the Birch Solar Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to add our voices to this matter.

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