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I am writing to express my opposition to Birch Solar project's application with the Ohio Power Siting Board. One year ago, we specifically moved to the Shawnee Township because of the quality of community, and now it is in danger. This project will have a negative influence on my home and the surrounding area. My property value will go down, my water supply may be polluted, and the ecology and human growth of our community will be endangered.

This proposed development is stripping away local rights of a large amount of citizens and has a high likelihood of negatively impacting health/safety/property values of those hundreds living close by, disturbing the habitats of endangered and/or protected species of wildlife in west central Ohio, also impacting the habitats of local deer, wild turkey, fox, coyote, etc., and presents an increased threat to existing localized flooding issues.

This development will have a dire effect on Allen and Auglaize County residents' property rights, value, and safety who have no voice. There will not be any land left to attract future residents; how does attracting major business to our area happen if 2,000 to 3,000 acres are already occupied by solar panels. What wealthy doctors or hospital employee is going to look on a google map and see acres and acres of solar panels and want to move to Shawnee Township?

Typically, such a development is typically not constructed next to such densely populated areas such as our community. Property values will decrease (5%-20%) resulting in fewer public services which could potentially kill the community we have worked diligently to have.

I respectfully ask for your thorough study and thorough appreciation of all of the aforementioned. Please do what is best for our community instead of supporting the unnecessary whim of big business. Your committees' rejection of a project of this magnitude near this community should be your only decision.

Thank you,
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