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<b>Docketing Case Number:</b>	21-0669-EL-BGN
<b>Project Name:</b>	South Branch Solar
<b>Enter your Comment or Complaint:</b>	<p>Growing up, I always lived in a close knit farming community, where everybody knew everybody. The community all got along and helped one another out when someone was in need. As an adult, I married and moved to an even smaller farming community. I love the community that I live in and never imagined any particular member selling everyone out for the sake of a dollar. The corruption runs deep in this county, which seems to be following suit of the current events in our country. When did we become people that only care about ourselves and money? It is really unfortunate to see this happening. The propose solar "farms" have so many downfalls. Flooding, for one. We already live in an area where flooding is an issue. Earlier this summer, we had received nearly six inches of rain in less than twenty-four hours. This resulted in major flooding on our property. Our home sits on property with rolling hills and with floods such as this, we will have rivers that flow from one end of the property to another. Often times resulting in a portion of our driveway being washed away. There are many locations on our road(Township Road 243) that have flooding issues, including where the proposed panels may sit. Why would any company want their equipment sitting in a floor plain? Secondly, there are countless complaints that I have about the solar company itself. This company has handled itself poorly since the very beginning. Starting off with them preying on older farmers with land or out of state land owners who aren't educated about solar panels at all. The company has also been in the process of paying off businesses and/or organizations one by one. All are part of Findlay and not a single one are a part of the Arcadia community. What a shady, unprofessional way to do business. Talk about special interests! This is a perfect example as to how corrupt our county is. I have personally heard of the solar company making threats and spreading misinformation throughout the community when they first showed their ugly faces. One piece</p>

of misinformation I have heard is that the property values will not decrease. There are multiple homes in the area that will be completely surrounded by panels if this goes through and the solar company says those values won't decrease should the homeowners want to sell. Who are they kidding?! Next, they are claiming field tile and septic systems would not be harmed. They do not appear to understand how tiling works for them to make those claims. Field tiling helps prevent fields from flooding and if those tiles are disrupted, flood water would sit, because it has no where to go. Also, if septic systems are disrupted, this could be a safety concern for homeowners. These panels would be doing more harm than good for a community who does not even want them. I hope this sheds some light of how things are in this small community and how much damage it could cause. Taking perfectly good farmland out of production will hurt not only hurt farming families in the long run, but the community as a whole.

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