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Subject: BIRCH SOLAR TESTIMONY 20-1605

Dear Mr. Butler and the OPSB,

We write to you today in opposition of the Birch Solar Project in Auglaize and Logan Townships in Auglaize and Allen counties in Ohio.

We are losing prime farmland at an alarming rates. Our area defined by the USDA is designated to be just that It has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics of producing food, forage, fiber and oilseed crops that we all use everyday.

Industrial Solar is not farming. Ohio is ranked 25 for amounts of sunlight for solar use. This project has very little sustainable employment potential.

The impact on local Agricultural businesses and availability for farmers to rent or purchase prime farmland will greatly impact our area. Single family homes will lose their appeal to future buyers.

We are proud of our farm heritage and supporting the local businesses in our communities thru farm income.

Proud owners of an Ohio Century Farm established in 1857.

Please keep our farms green.

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