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Hello,

Today I'm writing in opposition to the solar farm being proposed for Rt. 56 and Rt.104 in Pickaway County/Wayne Twp. The facts stated below are several reasons to not have a solar farm in our county.

1. They do not bring jobs to our county – workers are brought in from out of state until farm is built/completed.
2. It **contaminates** well water.
3. These farms do not provide power to our county, city and/or state – the power grid is built to provide energy to the states on the east coast.
4. They ruin farm land for when they fail and don't produce the amount of energy needed for sufficient power – this is Ohio; they won't thrive in our weather conditions.
5. This will DEPRECIATE property values. If for some reason we would decide to sell our home in the future; nobody will purchase a home with a 600 acre solar farm surrounding it.
6. There is no reason that Pickaway County should have thousands of acres of proposed solar farm projects – when is enough, enough?
7. These solar farms should be placed out west in the dessert where they have sufficient sun to facilitate the necessary power. They should be tested on buildings and homes (first) to gain data before ruining people's land and livelihood.
8. These solar farms are a FIRE HAZARD. Our county fire departments are not equipped to handle a fire of this size – and the materials that are used are **hazardous to the environment**. People will need to be evacuated from their homes in the event that one would catch fire. Quoting the solar company representative – 'they just let the fires burn out'.
9. What about the sound of the inverters? With several of these placed on the farm, residents will hear this noise especially on a large, open farm with no vegetation.
10. The wildlife that frolic and live in the wooded areas will be affected – their habitats will be gone.
11. They're providing 'financial incentives' to schools for tax breaks that they would've received any way through already established programs, etc. They use this tactic as a smoke and mirror effect to residents/school leaders.

We've attended meetings and the solar companies are unable to provide sufficient answers for any of the points stated above. They're not well-versed in their own product and the citizens of Pickaway County do not want these in our backyards.

Solar is the least efficient means of generating electricity. Let's please look at the whole picture of what this does to people's farms/lives instead of just looking at the dollar signs. It may provide temporary financial benefits for farm owners but if the company goes under which they most likely will when it doesn't work – the land owners are stuck with the expenses and material removal, not to mention the land will never be preserved for agricultural use again.

Thank you for your time,
Allison Barnhart
Pickaway County Resident

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