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Dear Ohio Power Sitting Board:

My wife and I are lifelong residents of Logan County (as were our parents), and our children and their families. Twenty years ago we bought a few acres and built a house in the country outside of West Mansfield. We love the peacefulness and beauty where we live.

We recently learned that our residence is in the middle of a proposed Solar “Farm”, the **Fountain Point Large Scale Solar Facility (Case Number 21-1231-EL-BGN)**. This means that our beautiful farmland countryside landscape would be turned into an ugly industrial site. We do not relish the thought of staring at solar panels.

We are not happy with this situation. Besides the thought of staring at solar panels and losing the aesthetics, we have several other concerns, such as loss of property value, water drainage issues, and the environmental impact on the land and the wildlife to name a few.

We are not opposed to developing and using renewable energy. However, we feel that it should not be constructed in and among residential areas effecting many property owners.

As I understand the situation ten property owners will benefit financially if this project moves forward while many other property owners and residents that are adjacent to and within the boundaries (including the Village of West Mansfield) will, in my opinion, be the losers. Even Logan County Co-Op, our current electric supplier, is very skeptical about the benefits of producing power from solar energy at this time.

We feel, as do many of the residents and property owners, that we should be able to voice our concerns. We have learned that with the passage of SB52 by our State Legislature last fall that our Commissioners have the power to declare Logan

County a “restricted zone for utility scale wind and solar projects”. This would allow all the residents to vote on approving projects such as this Fountain Point Solar Facility **before** anything proceeds and should be a first step in any project of this magnitude.

We have requested that our County Commissioners do, in fact, immediately pass a resolution declaring Logan County a restricted zone for utility scale wind and solar projects so that the residents can have a voice in the development of this project and we want to go on record with the Ohio Power Sitting Board as **OPPOSING** this project. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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