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Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus OH 43215

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I am writing in hopes that the OPSB will **deny** a permit for the Chipmunk solar project. I am a property owner living in the area to be inundated with the proposed solar panels. Some of my friends and neighbors have signed up to lease their property to Chipmunk. They feel that their rights as property owners are being disregarded by those of us who are trying to stop the project.

However, property rights exist on both sides of a property line. Traditionally disputes are handled by local zoning boards. The board listens to both sides of an issue and makes a reasoned decision. The key is that the zoning board consists of **local** citizens. They will have to live with the outcome. They speak for the people of the township.

But in the case of industrial solar projects the state legislature has waived local zoning laws. Apparently powerful lobbyists made better accommodations with the legislators than local citizens did. Abandoning standard zoning procedures was necessary because no locality would permit such a massive invasion.

Please uphold the property rights of the majority of landowners in these townships by denying the Chipmunk permit.



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