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Pickaway County Commissioners
139 W Franklin Street
Circleville, OH 43113

Dear Commissioners,
The following letter was sent to the Siting Board. Please support your constituents.

Ohio Power Siting Board
Attention: Docketing Division
180 East Broad St
Columbus, OH 43215

Reference case: 21-0960-EL-BGN

January 23, 2022

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing concerning the Chipmunk Solar project in Pickaway county. I am a member of the Westfall community and am worried about what this industrial project would do to neighboring property values. Chipmunk employees say that property values will rise near solar fields. I think that living near fields of industrial solar panels that span for miles, surrounded by barbed wire fences is nobody's ideal dwelling. Property values will decrease. Community members who can afford to move will do so even though the income from the sale of their property will be reduced. People choose to live in rural communities for various reasons. For some, an escape from industrial cities is their dream. To surround homes with industrial panels on multiple sides of their properties should be illegal. We chose to live in an area zoned agricultural, and after the passage of Senate Bill 52, our elected leaders can once again protect our rural lifestyle. But in the meantime, it's up to you to protect our rights. If this proposal goes through, you will essentially be forcing many people to live beside industry with no hope to move because of the decreased property values. As Americans, we are entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Know that placing this project in our community would devalue our property values, essentially imprisoning us on our own properties. For this reason, I ask that you please **deny the Chipmunk Solar project.**

Sincerely,



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