

Ohio Power Siting Board,

The proposed Harvey Solar 1 project (#21-0164-EL-BGN) in Hartford and Bennington Townships in Licking County will not be beneficial for our community. It will cause harm to the residents, flora and fauna located here, and negatively impact our economic and ecological systems. I have check marked below some of the reasons **I AM OPPOSED** to Harvey Solar:

- ☒ Health concerns due to toxic chemicals in the solar panels<sup>1</sup>, which can leach into our soil & water. Health concerns due to EMFs from underground collection lines<sup>2</sup> planned throughout the project area, and the potential for two substations (one existing, one to be built) to be located within a short distance from each other on the same road.
- ☒ Soil & Water issues throughout the township, as this area is known for its drainage and flooding issues. Residents in Hartford Township have well & septic systems, and we all rely on clean water from the aquifer located here. There is also potential for increased severe flooding in the 100-year floodplain, since paneled fields will be located within this area.<sup>3</sup>
- ☒ Damage to streams and waterways (one of which runs into Big Walnut Creek, then into Hoover Reservoir; one located directly in the 100-year floodplain) due to multiple underground conduit/ collection lines crossing through and under them in over 30 locations<sup>4</sup>, and contamination caused by potential leaching of toxic chemicals from the solar panels.
- ☒ Decreasing property values for residents living within two miles of the project area, since this will be an industrial-scale sized site, a known factor in negatively impacting property values<sup>5</sup>.
- ☒ Loss of local economic revenue due to lack of new home sites, small businesses, and family farming.
- ☒ Disruption and damage of wildlife habitats, causing damage to the local ecosystem and potential harm to domestic animals, including, but not limited to cattle, goats, chickens, and pets.
- ☒ Hartford Township was once home to several Native Americans tribes, and there are many fields that hold historic significance (including at least one Native American family burial plot) and should not be disturbed.
- ☒ Paneled fields will be a blight on our rural landscape, negatively impacting the view with glint, glare, ugly fencing, and inadequate plantings to hide the industrial utility.
- ☒ Construction will cause damage to roads, and increase traffic, dust, noise, and crime<sup>6</sup>.

I am asking that you please **DENY** the Harvey Solar 1 project.

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