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Re Case: 21-0960-EL-BGN

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Dear Board Members,

I am very concerned about the Chipmunk Solar Project proposed for Pickaway County. I am concerned about the environmental impact. I know top soil will be removed and the ground will be compacted rendering this land useless once the project has pulled out. With fences surrounding the panels, wild life migration and feeding patters will be completely disrupted. Additionally when I go into Williamsport I will be passing by the construction site and I am certain that the roads will be covered with mud and the pavement degraded by all of the construction vehicles. Since the construction will last 2 years this is a great concern. My peaceful life will be disrupted by the noise of jackhammers and construction traffic.

My greatest concern is my property value. Many folks choose the country to get away from industrial eyesores like thousands of solar panels covering hundreds of acres. I have lived in my home 30 years and at some point I will need to sell it to move into a property with less maintenance for an 80 year old woman. I am relying on the appreciated value I expected my property to achieve. If this industrial site is built I am certain the money I was counting on for retirement will be diminished.

At the very least residents should have a say in the building of such a large industrial project and complete different use of land by our neighbors. This land is zoned for agricultural use. Should this issue be placed on a ballot for community members to decide how our community will be used?

For all of the above reasons and more, I ask that you deny the Chipmunk Solar Project.

Sincerely,

Sarah M. Barnes

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