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Ohio Power Siting Board

180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case: Circleville Solar Project 21-1090-EL-BGN

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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I, Melissa Barnhart, am writing to express my concern for the Circleville Solar Project Case No: 21-1090-EL-BGN. I am asking for you to deny the approval of this project.

I am concerned that this project will decrease property values in the area. This would have a negative long term effect on those that own property around this project. The land being taken out of farmland and put into these panels will impact those family farmers that are currently renting the land as well as the local agricultural economy such as equipment and supply dealers. We currently don't know what materials exactly the solar panels are made of but ones already in use contain toxic chemicals such as lead and PFAS. Every household around this project is on well water and we are worried about those chemicals getting into the drinking water. Another health and safety concern is the possibility of a fire. Our local fire department has informed us that they have no way of fighting a fire if one shall occur. Other concerns include wildlife disruption, construction and operation noise, insufficient bonds to decommission project, and erosion and flooding.

This is an agricultural area, and the views and feel are very important to us. This project would not serve our community. Again, we ask that you deny the Circleville Solar Project.

Additional Comments:

With the history of solar company success, Pickaway County will become a solar panel graveyard. Is this the future we want for our county?

Sincerely,

Melissa Barnhart
Landowner, Wayne Twp.

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