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To the Ohio Power Sitting Board

March 9, 2022

I am writing to voice my objections to approving the *proposed Harvey Solar 1 project, #21-0164-EL-BGN*. If approved, this project will do irreputable harm to the people of Licking County, the environment, real estate values and ruin prime farm land for years to come. To further clarify my objections:

1. **HARM to the people of Licking County**--- There are health concerns due to toxic chemicals in the solar panels and the EMSs from underground collections lines planned throughout the project area, and health concerns for the potential for two substations to be located with a short distance from each on the same road. These concerns are not only for health of your constituents but to the livestock and domestic animals in the area. Hartford Township residents have well and septic systems and rely on clean water from the aquifer located there. Toxic chemicals leaching into the soil could contaminate their water source.
2. **Damage to the environment**—As you are aware, areas of Licking County are prone to flooding and drainage issues. The multiple underground conduit/collection line crossing through and under steams and waterways will cause damage to these areas. The solar panels will contaminate water and valuable farmland caused by the leaching of toxic chemicals leaching from the solar panels.
3. **Real Estate values** – These panels will encroach residential homes, some on all four sides of their dwelling—blighting the landscape with glare, ugly fencing and with inadequate plantings to hide the industrial utility. These panel not only affect health but will drastically affect the value of homes in the area, decreasing property values for residents living within two miles of the project area. Many of these homes are retirement homes of your constituents. Would want to live, or buy a home, next to an industrial-scale sized solar panel site? Of course, you would not.
4. **Prime Farm Land** – Much of the area that the developer wants to cover with solar panels is prime farm land. This project could cause potential harm to the soil from chemical leaching making the soil unusable for crop planting for years to come. Many homes raise livestock that graze on these fields, again a danger of potential harm with chemical leaching into their pastures.

**For all of the objections and concerns noted above, and many more that I have not mentioned, I respectfully request that you DENY the Harvey Solar 1 project.**

Respectfully,  
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