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Subject: BIRCH SOLAR OPPOSITION

Good morning,

I am a resident of Shawnee Township, Allen County.

While I am not a landowner adjacent to their proposed site, I feel all residents in Shawnee Township will be negatively impacted if their proposal is approved.

I attended the hearing at the Allen County Fairgrounds months ago and was proud of the turnout and ability of my community to articulate their opposition to this project. Since that hearing, legislation has restricted projects such as these in Allen County, though Birch is immune due to "grandfather" stipulations.

The massive opposition to the project sends an extremely clear message: **Shawnee Township does not want this project**, regardless of "grandfather" provisions and other legal wrangling. Again, the hearing at the fairgrounds sent a very clear message, as an overwhelming percentage of those who gave testimony were opposed to this project. Granted, there was a small contingent of people in favor of the project, though most of them are not residents of Shawnee Township or even townships directly adjacent to Shawnee Township (one who spoke in favor of the project is not even a resident of Ohio, so far as my research can tell). Most of those people came from Bluffton, a small community MANY townships removed from Shawnee Township to our northeast. As I voiced in a previous note, their testimony should carry little to no weight, as this project will have **no discernable direct impact on their immediate community**. If the shoe were "on the other foot," so to speak, their tune would undoubtedly immediately change. I know these people, as I was a Bluffton resident for a number of years.

The stakes are very high for Shawnee Township residents. It comes-down to the following: will overwhelming opposition to this environmental abomination be ignored, or will you side with reason and deny the permit to Birch Solar?

My hope is that the latter is the course of action you follow.

Respectfully,

-Travis R. Unterbrink
Shawnee Township resident

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