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In regards to the Birch Solar project in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio

As Chairman of the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees, and a resident and business owner in Shawnee Township, I oppose the large-scale solar project proposed by Lightsource BP in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio. Projects of this size are not suitable for areas abutting residential properties in any jurisdiction. Uncertainties of the future consequences on land quality, contamination of land, contamination of water run-off, hazards to humans, flora and fauna hazards and the decline in value of contiguous properties or the surrounding areas have not been studied or addressed to a point that the facts prove the above-mentioned items will not become problematic for future generations. The destruction and maintenance of roadways, road right-of-way and infrastructures during the project, and the cost to resolve any deterioration should not fall upon the taxpayers of our community. Forcing agreements, buying supporters and the lack of truthful communications with public officials can only be identified as immoral business practices based solely on company profits with no regard to the welfare of our community or our residents.

I, Clark Spieles, oppose the Birch Solar project in Shawnee Township.

Clark A. Spieles 04-29-22

Clark A. Spieles, Chairman of the Board

Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

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