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The Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad Street
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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing concerning all of the solar projects in Pickaway County that have either been approved or are seeking approval from the Ohio Power Siting Board. On December 10, 2019, Jill Riddle, Jaime Heath and I met with our county commissioners to voice our concerns about the Atlanta Solar Project and at that time we felt that all of the commissioners in office at that time thought these solar projects were a good idea for our county. Now, even more farmland is in jeopardy of being sacrificed to these industrial projects. The county already has two approved solar projects and now it appears that there are three (3) more proposed sites within our county. This is now becoming a definite threat to agriculture in our county. Solar projects are not "farms." They are industrial utilities that take top soil and cause impaction that will cause long term problems for farm ground that is so very important to our existence, let alone our economy. It will not matter in the future what type of energy we use if we do not have the farmland to produce crops to feed us and the people around the world.

As I have written to you before, my prayer is these projects and others like it will not be approved by the OPSB in order to keep the land for growing crops and supporting other agricultural businesses. Alternate sites can be and should be chosen that will not disrupt agricultural productivity.

Please think long and hard about the decisions you make regarding these projects. Our county's future is in your hands and if solar projects are continued to be approved by the OPSB, the future looks very bleak for the farmers and the agribusinesses in Pickaway County and beyond.

Projects: 19-1880-EL-BGN – Atlanta Solar Project
20-0972-EL-BGN – Yellowbud Solar Project
21-0960-EL-BGN – Chipmonk Solar Project
21-1090-EL-BGN – Circleville Solar Project
21-0868-EL-BGN – Scioto Solar Project

Sincerely,



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