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Date: May 11, 2022
To: Ohio Power Siting Board
From: Senator Bob Peterson

Re: 21-0868-EL-BGN: Scioto Farms Solar

To Whom It May Concern:

As the State Senator for Ohio's 17th Senate District, I would like to express my opposition to the Scioto Farms Solar Project located in Wayne Township, Pickaway County.

Pickaway County is a proud agricultural domain with a great history of family owned farms and businesses. Ebenhack Brothers Farm, located at 28901 Ebenhack Road Circleville, OH 43113, is in close proximity to both the Yellowbud and Scioto Farms Solar Projects. For over a century, the Ebenhack family has been in Pickaway County. Today, their farm provides the community with an abundant supply of produce, agritourism activities, and aesthetically pleasing event spaces. Ohio's prime farmland is a resource we must work to preserve to ensure agriculture's economic success for future generations.

As noted in the Ohio Power Siting Board's case documentation for the Scioto Farms Solar Project, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners and the Wayne Township Board of Trustees have passed formal resolutions in opposition to the project. Additionally, the Pickaway County Emergency Management Agency and the Pickaway County Park District have raised a variety of concerns about the proposed project. This demonstrates a significant lack of support for the project from the local officials who are responsible for their communities' growth and development.

Taking into account both the opposition from the general public and concerns raised by local officials, it is clear that the Scioto Farms Solar Project is not in the best interest of those who would be most impacted by the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Peterson".

Bob Peterson
State Senator, 17th District

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