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Dear OPSB:

I have seen on the local television news broadcast and newspapers that there is no longer any local opposition to the Birch Solar Project in Allen and Auglaize counties. That is far from the truth at this time even while the public hearings are in process. Some of the pro-solar comments were not even from local people who are directly affected. There are still over 1000+ that are against this project being located in a highly populated area.

If you have read all of the submitted letters to the OPSB, you see that the opposition has been and still is very strong against this project in this designated location. There are many who still disagree with this large corporation with no local interest in the productivity of local farmland or to the impact to people's homes in the area. I do not have a problem with solar if it is at a location that has no impact to the overall community where it will be located. With prime farmland being taken from us that produces high yielding crops, a vote in favor of Birch Solar will be adding to the overall food shortage that is being predicted in the near future. It is my understanding that it does not benefit the local energy grid! In the current energy generation and for the foreseeable future, solar is a supplement to what exists and does not seem to have the overall capacity to replace what currently exists.

We urge the Siting Board to think long and hard on this proposal when making this very important decision and what it means to those of us who are left with this in our backyards. Please think of the citizens first.

Still Against Birch Solar.

Thank you

Karen & Michael Fry

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