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Dear Power Siting Board,

On June 1st at the evidentiary hearing one of the land owners for South Branch Solar testified under oath that his family had no involvement in starting zoning in Washington township. However the elder most recent retired zoning member has said that his father did in fact help create zoning. Other community members also recall this. His father encouraged community members in 1960-61 to form zoning at his Adult farmer meetings. I still have a hard time understanding how a person who so wanted zoning would now go against it. The only possible explanation I have is that they want to break up zoning in Washington township and he was sold a really good lie from Leeward. Our township has strict zoning to keep our agriculture heritage. Agriculture is the majority of our community. The gentleman was even a former agriculture education teacher. I am surprised he would sell his land for something as destructive as this, being a former ag teacher. Please don't destroy our agriculture community by allowing Leeward to build South Branch Solar. We already have had several other community members approached by other companies for solar projects, all who say no. As our community and county is agriculture and does not want this taking away our farm land. Our county commissioners passed exclusion zones in the unincorporated parts of our county to keep our agriculture heritage. So please do what the local community wants not what one family and two absentee landowners want. Say denied for South Branch Solar in August, please our children's future is dangling in your hands and they want to continue to farm and have agriculture in our community.

Thank you

Rachelle Harmon

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