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**Subject:** Solar panels in our area

To Whom it may concern:

As a lifelong resident of Allen County, Perry Township specifically, I am writing to express my outrage at the thought of solar farms being put in our area. My husband and I have lived in Perry Township since we were very young children. We have been land owners in this township since 1976. Our family history is of the first Sideners arriving into the township in 1851 when Mary Amanda Sidener moved as a widow with her 6 children to Amherst Road where she purchased land and started the family tradition of farming in Perry Township. This areas has some of the best crop producing land around and I know our ancestors and those of our neighbors would be outraged along with us at the prospect of turning this rich ground into a solar farm!

Every night on the national news we are hearing stories of what is happening in Europe and the predictions of coming food shortages due to blockades and inability to move goods. It has been happening right here in our own country over the past months. Why would sane people, knowing that food could be in short supply soon, even consider taking agricultural land out of production for the sake of "green energy" when what the world needs right NOW is the ability to feed ourselves? I am concerned as most of my neighbors and family are about the future of the earth...I LOVE this earth and this country that we are so blessed to live in. But there are priorities, and right now, setting up a bunch of solar panels to harness energy that then depends on a very complicated and expensive system to store it while eliminating excellent farm land seems outlandish and irresponsible to me and to many others who I have spoken with!

We have seen solar farms in this area...seemingly abandoned, weed grown, ugly areas that have devalued the surrounding land and added the problems of noxious weeds and excessive bugs in the areas where they exist. My family has worked hard for generations to build up, maintain, nurture, and care for the land we own, and we do NOT support solar farms being put into our area!

Let us go on record as being adamantly OPPOSED to solar farms in Allen County and the surrounding areas!

Larry and Deborah Sidener, Allen County residents

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