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Dear Matt...

I am writing you to voice my continued opposition to the Birch Solar project in Allen County. Our County Commissioners have already passed a resolution excluding our county for renewable energy developments of this size. Even though Birch Solar was grandfathered in for this project it is apparent that the county does not want a solar project of this magnitude in our county. It is not an appropriate place for this large solar project...it is taking out good farm land and is coming into the Shawnee community in bits and pieces.

The Shawnee Township Trustees are in opposition of this project. Per Clark Spieles, Chairman of the trustees:

Projects of this size are not suitable for areas abutting residential properties in any jurisdiction. Uncertainties of the future consequences on land quality, contamination of land, contamination of water run-off, hazards to humans, flora and fauna hazards and the decline in value of contiguous properties or the surround areas have not been studied or addressed to a point that the facts prove the above-mentioned items will not become problematic for future generations. The destruction and maintenance of roadways, road right-of-way and infrastructures during the project, and the cost to resolve any deterioration should not fall upon the taxpayers of our community. Forcing agreements, buying supports and the lack of truthful communications with public officials can only be identified as immoral business practices based solely on company profits with no regard to the welfare of our community or our residents.

I am not against solar ...I am just against it in this small community where it will affect so many people negatively with:

- Noise
- Toxicity
- Glare
- Water run off
- Radiation
- Contamination
- Water quality
- Wildlife disruption

Thank you.

Kristen Harrand

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