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From: Cassie Thomas
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Subject: No To Birch Solar

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today to again voice my opposition to the solar "factory" that is threatening to destroy our community in Allen/Auglaize County.

Since becoming aware of the intentions of BP/Birch Solar Project in the fall of '20, I have had a lot of opportunity to research and learn about what this project means for our community. Let me be clear, this project is NOT a benefit in any way, shape or form to the citizens, wildlife or community as a whole. They have tried to convince us that this will bring money to the schools and be a wonderful addition to our beautiful community-that couldn't be further from the truth. I have yet to speak to one person who will have this monstrosity in their view from their home or daily drive/activities who supports this. What does that say about our community and what WE feel is best for it?

The only people who will benefit from this mess are the few farmers who have signed up to make money off of it and the lobbyists/politicians and big corporations (which may include some members of this board) who are feeding off of the taxpayers money with all of the grants being handed out.

I question why, when I see something about solar in the news, on social media or hear about it in conversation, the consensus from those affected is anger, sadness and a very clear picture of the lies, corruption and destruction that follows these projects. I believe that green energy CAN be good but the technology is NOT there and the sacrifice of people's home values, health, wildlife and precious farmland is not worth the small gain.

The people of OHIO deserve better from those in the position to make or break our future. I would guess that any of the individuals who sit on this board would be against a solar project (or wind for that matter) wrapping around their home and affecting their way of life, home value, health and families.

Both sides of my family farm, I am set to inherit quite a bit of farmland so this is very close to me. I can tell you, without a doubt, there will NEVER be solar or wind turbines on my land. We were offered a pretty penny to sell our farm when the Hyuandai plant was looking to come to Wapakoneta . My mom came to me and asked my feelings on selling the farm-I was very emphatic and very strong in my response-even though I would never have to work a day in my life if we sold. I was much younger then but knew the value of my 5th generation farm, the farm that my Great

Great Grandfather purchased and put everything he owned into. Once farmland, especially this fertile, irreplaceable farmland, is destroyed, it will NEVER recover to what it was able to produce. Who will be left with the clean up of these "factories" once they fail? Don't say the taxpayer because I'll be damned if one cent of my money will go to restore those fields. The bonds or whatever they say that will be established will NEVER be enough to salvage this land and restore to its previous state. They are only a smoke screen being placed in front of us who are against these factories so they can say all will be just fine.

Remember, you are connected to this project. YOUR name, YOUR legacy will be attached to this-how do you want to be remembered?

Regards,

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