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From: Sarah Norris
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Subject: Birch Solar 1, Case Number 20-1605-EL-BGN

Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

We are writing in opposition to the Birch Solar 1 case number 20-1605-EL-BGN. Please deny this application.

We are adjacent homeowners in Shawnee Township. We live in the part of the township that is supposed to be agricultural farmland. Our township already has large industries.

By this time in the process you are aware of the many concerns our township has expressed about this industrial-sized facility. It is important to note the large public and elected official opposition throughout the process. Our trustees have stated that had Birch Solar 1 not been grandfathered in, SB52 would have kept this at bay. The longer the application process has not diminished the opposition!

It is extremely difficult to come up against such a large company as Lightsource. How does any township fight such a project? We are counting on this board to really weigh what Birch Solar has provided in the way of public need versus the fact that the public does not want it here, nor would we benefit. Any local jobs would be temporary, and the electricity would not serve us.

Why are you approving so many solar facilities in Ohio, and so fast? We don't understand the urgency. It seems big money is the driving force behind those involved, as it is with many businesses. So much money that it could be foolish to turn down! Or would it? This may be a good place to state that we did not sign a good neighbor contract with Lightsource. We believe our community has and will continue to support our wonderful school system. We believe the farmers have a choice but also have and could continue to reap some of the best farm yields in our state. We do not trust the longevity of said project without harmful outcomes to our property value, watershed, wildlife, and the farm ground itself.

We are opposed. We are 2 of so, so many, and speak for some who have not been in contact with you, but are praying hard nevertheless.

Sincerely,
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