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**Subject:** Birch Solar I

Matthew,

Please see my attached letter. Also please do not allow for the Birch Solar I to be built. Thank you

Rich Sutton

Birch Solar I

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My name is Richard Sutton. I live at 2205 Odema Drive Lima, OH 45806, which is just a few hundred yards from the proposed starting point of the Birch Solar I project. I have lived at this address for over 34 years and raised my Family there.

I am opposed to having this solar farm built in the area in which myself and my Family reside and call home. We have had flooding many times over the last 10 years in the area due to not enough capacity to get the ground water away from the area. I myself have spent well over \$10,000 in repairs and solutions to water flooding at my residence. With the proposed solar farm coming to the area, I feel very strongly that the flooding will get worse as they have said they will compact the soli in that area making it so water will not permeate the soil. This will create even more ground water to create more flooding and back-ups.

Another reason is the hazardous materials in and on the outside of the solar panels. With the proposed number of panels this will put the area in danger of contaminated soil and ground water. Many people in the area still use well water for their house or at least to water their lawns and gardens. This would lead to serious health issues.

The natural habitat will also be damaged. There are many species of wild animals that live in and around the proposed area. These animals have called this area home for their entire life, and it needs to stay that way.

In closing there are no good reasons for this proposed solar farm Birch Solar I. It will ruin the area that many people and animals call home. Please say NO and do not let this happen. It does not have the best interest of the community in mind.

Thank you ,

Richard Sutton

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