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Mr Butler,

I am opposed to this project. I have a home located close to a parcel of land currently covered in soy bean plants and adjacent to Breese Road. That land is earmarked for the placement of solar panels.

I attended a public meeting, held at the Lima, OH fairgrounds, some time ago. A number of speakers provided information at the meeting supposed to enlighten attendees as regards the project details.

Aerial views of the land to be covered in solar panels were provided.

Unfortunately the quality of the pictures left much to be desired. No doubt intentionally. A number of attendees spoke both for and against the project. Those in favor included an individual I would call politician, who I have been led to believe opposed the project when land in Bath Township was threatened, he apparently lives there. Shawnee Township is not of concern to that individual it would seem.

70 people who attended the meeting opposed the project approximately 35 supported it. Those in opposition were largely mature adults, who owned and resided in homes located relatively close to the proposed solar energy farm. Those in support were young and wore yellow tee shirts emblazoned with comments of project support. They did not appear to be locals. The meeting did not go well for those promoting the project.

Some points to consider:

Solar panels would most likely come from The Peoples Republic of China. Whose global interests make them an enemy of the United States and the free world. The Peoples Republic of China has a poor reputation where disposal of toxic waste generated industrially is concerned.

The area of Ohio identified for the solar farm has at least 3 months of hard winter with gloomy skies and temperatures dropping to zero degrees F. Ohio is vulnerable to thunderstorms, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, cyclones and snowstorms. Flooding is mostly in Winter.

What I think of importance is the fact that good arable land is being used for industrial purposes when the Earth's population needs food. The Earth's population is increasing at a great rate. Just look at what's happening as a result of Ukrainian grain shortages. Why not create solar farms in the hotter desert regions of America. 38% of the USA is desert.

People's homes will fall in value. The open countryside they chose to live in will disappear. Can the land be returned for farming, or does the valuable topsoil get bulldozed off and sold before the panels are installed.

Flooding does occur in the chosen region. What will water run off be like. The creeks and rivers are not big enough at the moment or kept clear of debris to channel away the amount of water, which falls each year.

People have expressed concerns regarding the health impacts of the magnetic field surrounding such an installation. The distribution station close by actually causes plants growing near it to change.

The destruction of the fossil fuel industry is an objective of many in the world. I worked for BP and know that technology can take care of many of the problems being used as an excuse for pursuing the Green Objectives.

Apart from the above there are millions of people in the USA who are concerned about the planet but who want to adopt a sensible approach to

limiting global warming. In the case of this project I think the motivator is easy money for the farm owners, an improved image for BP and who knows who else will get financially reimbursed for their efforts.

I could write more .

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