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To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in regards to the Oak Run Solar Panel Project that is being proposed.

This project consists of altering over six - thousand acres of prime farm land into fields of solar panels. I would like to go on file stating that I am strongly against it for the following reasons:

1. Pollution and Environmental Impact
2. Inefficient Energy Conversion: At the very most it would only transfer twenty - five percent of energy harvested from the sun into useable electricity. Furthermore, only fifteen - nineteen percent would be the average transferred to useable electricity also.
3. Loss of Wildlife Habitat
4. Possibility of Contamination: Over time, solar panels could malfunction and contaminate soil, air, and water sources.
5. International Impact: For the most part, these solar panels are produced in China. I not want my tax payer dollars supporting a communist country.
6. Devalue of Property: This project will decrease the value of my property and those who surround me.
7. Loss of Food Source: On just this one project, these solar panels will take six - thousand acres of farmable land out of production. At the rate of these solar panels being installed on farm land across the state of Ohio, what kind of security would the future generation have ten - fifteen years from now? What is the value of energy and

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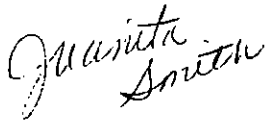
electricity if we don't have farm ground left to support civilizations?

In addition, Ohio is not a sunshine state, especially in the winter season. In contrast, places such as Arizona or New Mexico receive sunshine year round. In 2020, Las Vegas was ranked in the top ten cities in the nation for solar power. Ohio would not be highly ranked due to the lack of constant sunshine. Meaning, the desert would be a fantastic place to compile energy. Truth be told, perhaps if this was suggested to solar companies, they would not be keen on the idea because it would affect their bottom line. As we all know, money talks.

In closing, I thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. I would like to leave you with this; God is not making any more land which means we must preserve what He has given us.

I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Juanita Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juanita Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.