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To Whom It May Concern,

As State Representative of the 84th House district of Ohio, I write this letter to convey my strong opposition to the Birch Solar 1 project in Allen and Auglaize counties.

Here in Ohio we entrust local governments to create guidelines regarding zoning and land-use within their defined areas. Local officials are responsible for the development of their communities, and are most knowledgeable when it comes to making long-term plans of action.

In fact, Senate Bill 52, which was heavily supported by my constituents, laid the law that local governments should have input in the ways that wind and solar projects develop in their communities. That being said, Allen County officials have shared with me that they have deep concerns with the Birch Solar 1 project, and as you know they have even taken action to make formal opposition statements.

Given the strong opposition from both constituents and community leaders that would be impacted by this development, and considering that Senate Bill 52 empowered county officials to have formal input in such projects, I strongly urge you to reconsider the advancement of the Birch Solar 1 project.

Sincerely,



Susan Manchester
State Representative
Ohio House of Representatives

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