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Dear Ohio Sitting Board and Whomever it May Concern,

I am opposed to the solar project in Franklin Township for the following reason:
The Federal EPA mandate for surface water runoff requires "LOCAL" governments bear all costs with regards to the regulation.

Does everyone know what a real "Gully Washer" is and the damage it can do? Lake County experienced one in 2006. Roads, bridges, culverts washed out and stream beds moved. Today our residential areas continue to pay a storm water assessment fee. (\$3.50 per month based on average 3050 sq ft of non permeable soil. Non residential and commercial parcels fees are based non-permeable surface areas). 15 years later, I know of three local roads currently closed because of water erosion.

To put this into perspective: 2500 acres of solar panels with gravel access roads (non permeable soil surfaces) would be equivalent to 35,705 average residential properties.

Sure; Kensington Solar project will get the EPA permit approval. Any doubts? And then what happens? The Federal Government will be long gone when the gully washer comes. The boondoggle Kensington Solar Project will have changed hands three times. Are Franklin Township or Columbiana County people going to be left holding the proverbial bag? As this runoff flushes down the Little Beaver Creek from Summitville to Calcutta and the Ohio River, how many other townships will bear the financial burdens?

As young boy wading and fishing in the Little Beaver on my uncle's farm located in near Millport and route 518, brings back fond memories. Ever find fresh water clams and mussels or those large crayfish? I caught small salamanders but never came across the hellbender. Fast forward today; look and compare the middle branch of Beaver Creek that has been forever scarred by Mirex pollution from Nease Chemical. We must not sacrifice the Lower fork of the Little Beaver.

Remember, Beaver Creek is the only river in Ohio to have been granted both state wild and scenic and national scenic river designations. Will we allow the Kensington solar panel installation define its headwaters?

Summitville/Franklin Township is a unique place worthy of preservation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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