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Dear Ohio Power Sitting Board,

My husband grew up in Franklin Township and after spending 20 years in the Navy has moved back to the area. We purchased 36 acres about 6 years ago and about 4 years ago built a house here. We chose this area because we grew up here and prefer country living. We love the country view of the trees, farm fields, wild animals, and the farm animals. Approximately 15 acres of our property is woods, 15 acres is farm land, 2 acre pond, and the rest is where are home and yard is.

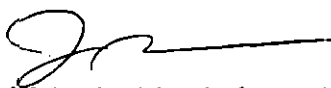
I work at a prison and am surrounded by prison fence with razor wire. The plans to put this type of fence around more than 2000 acres in my neighborhood will make it seem like I live in prison. The fence will also interfere with the movements of the wild animals. This will give the predator animals an unfair advantage over the prey animals. It will also move these animals away from their current homes into other areas further causing overcrowding there. We are concerned that the movement of the animals will cause more predator animals around my home. We raise ducks, have dogs, cats, and have a small child. Recently a relative lost all of her chickens because of increased building and removing of woodland in her area, which is just a few miles south of the proposed area, which caused the foxes and coyotes to migrate to her property.

Not only will the fence make the area unappealing, the solar panels themselves will also. They will take away from the view, they will also create unnecessary trash that will eventually fill our landfills. Only approximately ten percent of the panels are recycled at the end of their life cycle. In addition to the limited sunlight that we get in this area, we also get freezing rain, hail, and snow. This spring a hail storm damaged my co-workers house roof and broke windows in their vehicles. Will we have hail that damage these panels? What kind of chemicals will be used to clean the panels? They say just water, but recently one of their people going around questioning residents about their concerns stated they were going to use soap and water. I don't think soap and water will work in the freezing temperatures. Will they use chemicals that will run downhill into the creeks and to our farm animals and our own water wells?

My mother and father-in-law live directly across the street from one of the proposed sites. How will this affect their water? How will this affect their property values? After living there for 40 years they will now have to look at the solar panels surrounded by prison fence. How will this affect my property value?

This project has no benefit to the community nor do we want it here in Franklin Township. We already have a much better energy source in the area. There are many other areas in the county that would be suitable for solar energy, but northeast Ohio, Franklin Township, is not one of them.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the decision of this project,



Jennifer Griffith, Physician Assistant, Major (Ohio Army National Guard), Concerned citizen of Franklin County

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