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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

A letter recently was written to our local paper questioning our opposition groups motive. The letter also wanted to compare unincorporated farm land to land within a city limit 10miles away. Our motive has always been to Promote Wise use of agriculture land. Putting rows of solar panels on land zoned A1 agriculture is taking away our food and agriculture jobs. Solar panels only work on good sunlight days and Ohio doesn't have sun every day. You can grow wheat and cover crops during the less sunny days and once it's harvested grow double crops. This allows crops to be grown year around on the land and not just when sunlight is out.

Opposition groups in Ohio are banding together to help protect farm land from being used for solar. Protecting our food and heritage. However businesses and residents in other communities want to have say on projects not in there area. It's one thing to voice opposition in a area that won't effect you but to say your for something that won't effect you is different. Why should you push something on someone when you won't be living by it. It's like saying let's build a industrial plant in a residential area, but never live near it. I think this is even true about the land owners of this project who have avoided putting panels right around there homes, but don't care that panels will fully surround there neighbor.

I hope you the board can look past all the comments from those hoping to gain from this project, but don't live in the direct community and won't have to look at the panels. We the people of the Arcadia community have voiced our opinion and our opinions should be the ones that matter. The fire department, village, and Washington township trustees have voiced there opinion on this matter. Don't there opinions and lives matter. The county commissioners have created exclusion zones, that should show some weight about our county. So please do the right thing and deny this project. Let green crops continue to grow on this A1 zoned land and everyone follow the same rules. Crops are the only true green.

Rachelle Harmon

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