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**Subject:** Palomino Solar Project Highland County

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you regarding the recent passage by the OPSB and the recommended facility setback requirements proposed in case number: 21-902-GE-BRO.

Our family has land in the proposed Palomino solar project in Highland County, Ohio. When we agreed to participate in the project, it was our understanding that there would be a 50 ft setback. Our land in the project area is vacant of houses, and vacant of any buildings whatsoever. The adjacent land has no houses and the frontage is on a road seldom traveled. Not only does the increase in setback area significantly affect the proposed income our land would generate, but our family feels that to have a 200 ft setback would be inefficient, and quite cumbersome to farm around the project area. Since this land has no houses and doesn't affect any neighboring window scenery, it is difficult for us to understand the need for this relatively large setback. We are asking that you please consider the fact that the attributes of all of the proposed solar project land are not the same.

I am also attaching a letter that I wrote to speak to a local concerned citizen meeting we had regarding the proposed project area. I guess it is mostly for your reading "pleasure" at this point, but maybe it will give you some insight on the personal feelings of at least one family land holder. I would be more than willing to share, at any time, the attached thoughts with anyone that would be willing to listen or read.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hall

Daughter of Jim and Jean Fawley, reflecting their thoughts.

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## My dad

Good evening your honor, staff and friends. Thank you for taking the time to listen. I'm a chatter, but I'll try to keep this short. ☺. I am Kelly Hall. I live at 4844 Anderson rd, but more importantly, I am the daughter of Jim and Jean Fawley, of 3540 Anderson rd, Lynchburg, who have signed some of their land to solar leases.

My dad graduated from high school in 1960 and chose to farm. He chose to farm instead of go to college. He was lucky enough to get to farm on the land that was his dad's and the land that was his maternal granddad's. He has the love of agriculture to his core. It has never been easy, farming never is. When I was 19, I finally realized his "angry period" every fall was when the operating loan was due.

The farm my grandpa Fawley was raised on, mu subject land, is bordered by two roads. No one lives on either road. The "back place" has been an exciting place to own. We get old tv's, refrigerators a lot of couches, and most often old tires. I have "rescued" a black schnauzer (that seemingly didn't like children), a shar pei, several "mutts" and one excellent boxer pit /bull cross. Last winter we found a stolen truck, and this spring someone callously dumped a dead dog there. Joe Fraysier is on speed dial for the twp trustee that is kind enough to remove most of the trash that people dump. Middle road is traveled by people that want to dump, party and well,,, let your imagination run off with what unwatched people do.

The land now belongs to my dad and my uncle. My dad has farmed that land for 70 years. he fed us, and he helped feed you, Literally.

He's been lucky and we've been blessed. He had his first hip replacement, worn out specifically from hay handling, in 1996, his second hip replacement in 1998. The same hip. He had an aneurism burst in his head in 2004. As soon as he was able, He kept farming. Feeding us and feeding you. His heart attack was in 2008, apparently, his "widow-maker" was clogged. The third hip replacement (same hip) was in 2010. The knee was replaced in 2013. He kept farming. His fourth hip replacement (the same hip), was in 2016, right after infection got into his artificial joint. Who knew a superficial cut would send infection to a metal replacement joint? His latest, the open heart surgery was in late 2021. Just yesterday he was out tedding hay.

Through all of the surgeries and down time, no one out of our family had any input on what to do with his land. So why is it ok for anyone to tell them what to do with it now? My dad is slowing down. During his 79 years, his passion has been taking care of that farm. We believe it's time to let the farm take care of him. This is his retirement. He has earned it. Please minimize the set back.