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**Subject:** South branch solar rejection

Dear ohio power sitting board,

It is with sincere sense of responsibility that I write to you. I am asking for a rejection of the proposed south branch solar project. We have been fighting this thing for over a year and a half now. This was not voted on. They came in secret hoping there wouldn't be a fight but we gave them a big fight.

For one a project of this scope is illegal in our township. We have zoning laws that were voted on by the people for the protection of people in this township. That alone should keep this type of project out. Findlay has no say. They should be completely disregarded in the matter. IT IS NOW OBVIOUS THAT FINDLAY IS A SWAMP AND NEEDS DRAINED! Our township is zoned agricultural and that should be upheld. Columbus should not be the ones to decide which laws are upheld and which are broken when the project is 2 hrs north of them and has no affect of their lives.

We have Buffalo . A 2000lb. Plus animal that can run 40mph and clear a 6ft fence . With all the noise this project would create (and noise is defined as pollution) would you the sitting board want to risk one these getting out because of project noise? What if one stampeded your child in their own yard. I now have 6month old. I don't want this for his future . The buffalo farm is well maintained and there have been no problems to date . All are well cared for and have always stayed inside their enclosures. However, if agitated or scared anything is on the table.

Also I have to ask the siting board would you yourselves want your kids attending the school when it has been said that they would probably need earplugs during recess? With the noise that intense outside. I think there would be quite a disturbance in the classroom as well.

I would like to also address the John fox ditch where the Gaino farm drains into. This ditch is crucial to the ecosystem in our area. Approximately a hundred or more deer rely on this fresh water source for survival. As well as a bunch of other native wildlife Can you sleep well at night in Columbus knowing this filthy cesspool you call a solar farm could be poisonous to our wildlife. It has yet to be disclosed what chemicals and how much water will be used to clean these panels. If my well drives up, will leeward be helping me getting my well back online. I highly doubt it.

I would also like to point out that leeward has a terrible reputation with local community. They have done little to nothing to improve relationships with community. Instead tried to woo FINDLAY the whole way. Luckily for us the law is now on our side. We do have an exclusion zone in Hancock county. Only 2 townships did not sign on. So that is a double whammy. We have said we don't want these, it was signed into law and also take into account the law that was already on the books (zoning that rejects such a development).

As for the few members that did sign on. They do not represent our community and we do not

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support the decision. Instead we feel it is a dereliction of duty to the American people and this community. They have lost all friends and are outcasts in community. These people have shown their lack of respect for neighbors and members of community. Some of these people are absentee farmers. If you don't want the land sell it! Some of us dream of just wanting to be an American farmer and crap like this just makes harder for the next generation to carry on one of the most noble trades in all humanity. The american farmer feeds the world and our farmland needs protected. Lastly I thank the siting board for finally rejecting some of these. I want you to see to it that on this coming Thursday we can finally say "another one bites the dust". It does not represent the values in our community. These projects allow a company to come in without responsibility for cleanup after project most of time allowing them to just abandon their fields after decommission and not cleaning up. I ask you who will see to it that the land is restored and what good will it be for anything when there's poles pounded in concrete poured and cables left lying all around? We are a wetland and some of these fields the tile has been put in by excavating and these need protection.

Thank you,

Sincerely

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