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To the Voting Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board

Please find it in your heart to protect the Arcadia community and deny Border Basin Solar because of the wrath of severe loud noise during construction and operation (school children will need to wear ear protection when outside for recess, citizens will too when outside according to the testimony from an OPSB expert at the hearing in Columbus on June 2022), property and fields will be destroyed by flooding due to destruction of the drainage tile (costing farmers lost revenue), toxins getting into our water wells, their use of water to clean the panels will dry up our water wells, polluting the farm fields with noxious weeds (another cost to the farmers), impacting the local wildlife habitats, impacting the environment, and changing the agriculture appearance (from green to black).

Solar panels need to be put on Brownfields, Industrial, and Commercial fields, not prime rich farm ground which is the best for raising our food.

To receive Board certification, a project must serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We fail to see the public interest, convenience, or the necessity when the power won't be used locally.

The public interest (most people don't want it around here), convenience (agricultural land for crops, not suited for unreliable solar panels), or the necessity (best resource to grow crops on and prevent people from starving).

The Village Council, Cass & Washington townships trustees, local fire department, and health department were in opposition. The County Commissioners voted for exclusionary zones in Hancock County.

We want to preserve the health, safety and welfare of our community. We don't want toxic cancer causing panels near us.

Can we hold the PUCO/OPSB responsible for damages caused by neighboring solar farms for noxious weeds and drainage problems caused by lack of enforcement of stipulations?

How can the board vote on a certificate if the company has not finalized all of what they are going to do? It's like you are giving them free reign to decide whatever after you give them the certificate. **That is wrong!**

We are praying that you will do the right thing for our Arcadia community and deny Border Basin Solar because it will ruin our community and will turn it into a ghost town in 30 years.

Don't listen to the people five miles away in Findlay because it will not affect them at all. We who live right here, will be affected the most. You need to listen to us! Thank you!

Mary Jo & Lanny Boes

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