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Ohio Power Siting Board
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Case No: 21-0764-EL-BGN

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am a part owner of our generational family farm in Summitville. It has been proposed that an industrial solar project will go up surrounding my family farm. If this is allowed to happen, then my family will be harmed. Our property worth will decrease, the amount of concrete, gravel, panels and needed supplies will damage the roads, the drainage of water in the fields directly adjacent to mine, and chemical run-off will pollute our nearby streams. But most of all, it will not significantly help our environment. There is such little sunshine on the hills of Summitville that the value of solar panels cannot outweigh the value of the farmland, which is a shrinking commodity as it is. It only makes economic sense to the few who will benefit from large stimulus pay-outs. They do not care about how this project will hurt their neighbors, the landscape, the farmland and wildlife. I ask you with great sincerity to please stop this project from happening and from destroying our precious and beautiful farmland. Please stop this so projects like these can be explored elsewhere, to other areas that might make more economic sense, have better sunshine and will be optimal to produce efficient, clean energy.

Sincerely yours,



Marcia Marhefka, MD.

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