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Dear Power Siting Board,

Recently on March 21st we celebrated the 50th National Agriculture day. It's a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture on this day. Arcadia FFA and FFA Alumni celebrated this day by showing the students and community about agriculture. Something that is rooted deep in our community. There are new technologies available in Agriculture to help make farming more productive and help the environment. Taking hundreds of acres of good productive farm land for solar, wind, and battery storage is not good for the environment or our community. Recently I learned that it can take up to 500 years to create 1cm of topsoil. 500 years is a really long time and well past humans life spans. However that 1cm is ruined in a matter of minutes when the solar construction company scrapes the topsoil off to build a mega scale solar project. 500 years gone in a matter of minutes. Leeward claims that the land in the South Branch project can return to farming, how if the project takes away 500 years worth of soil growth. 30-50 years seems like a long time as that is the time frame for the South Branch project, but 500 years is even longer. Think of the true devastation South Branch solar is doing to our agriculture community. It's destroying what our ancestors helped create for future generations and wanted for our community. Please, when you re decided on the South Branch Solar project you change your minds on destroying our community and 500 years worth of topsoil.

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