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My name is Lisa Wilt, I live at 925 Arbuckle rd. London, Ohio 43240, Madison County, Deercreek township.

I'm am strongly apposed to Oak Run Solar Project!

My husband and I have farmed over 40 years, our farm is about a mile from the proposed commercial solar project known as Oak Run Solar. We can see the property from our home. Having reviewed the application and your report on this project allow me to share some of my concerns.

Farmers understand the importance of proper drainage to have a successful farm. Previous owners of the property in question saw the advantage of systematically tiling this large piece of agricultural land. The racking system upon which the solar panels will me mounted require 6x7 piles to be driven into the ground to a depth of ten feet. Please consider that over the 6050 acres in this project the nearly 300,000 piles to be driven into the ground will surely hit, obstruct and block many, many tiles currently in place. Eventually this will not only cause many drainage issues on the property of the project but it will also greatly effect adjacent agricultural properties and potentially numerous properties beyond that. The drainage on that farm runs through our farm and we do not look forward to the potential damage to our farm it may cause.

If this project is approved and then is decommissioned at some point it would be nearly impossible for a tiling machine to retile this property as the Decommissioning plan states that the piles driven to ten feet will only be removed to three feet below surface.

This tiling issue is a major concern, but there are many others. A few are it's bad effects on wildlife. Fencing, clearing, compaction and general activities to build such a mammoth project could be detrimental to our wild life namely migratory birds, eagles and pheasants currently making a local comeback, fox, rabbit, coyotes, groundhogs, turtles, and dear. I'm sure there are more but these are a few things we see here on a daily basis.

Also of concern is the visual pollution and truck and large equipment that will cause unnecessary stress on our roadways and traffic.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the local community concerns and objections to this massive solar project. Please consider these statements in your decision while considering this project.

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