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Dear Mr. Butler,

The necessity of current land owners and neighbors to keep their vocation of tilling the soil to bring forth food through abiding, honest labor demands a new opportunity to re-up to a greater endeavor—that of resisting solar panel intrusion onto the land. There lives in the mortal mind always a desire to seek comfort and security; it takes a stronger force, energy even, to resist these two temptations by opting for a third—the task of satiation, what deeply matters and satisfies. Wendell Barry, poet, farmer, educator, writes, “If one does not know satiation, more is never enough.”

Energy comes from the sun in our God-centered universe. The sun lodges itself in coal, in oil, in atoms, in wood and in wind. To avail ourselves of its benefits, we dig, drill, split, harness, dam, and log. We are active in its capture. The farmer embraces all these activities as he tills the land for harvest.


Now with solar panels that land must be given up to substitute for human input/vocation/labor in return for ease and security and income of as yet undetermined value. Instead of rows of corn there will be rows of metal panels, static, ugly, and life-altering. No seasons for planting or harvest, no cycles of human endeavors but a false assurance of comfort and ease, in other words stand aside humanity and watch as artificial structures soak up what in the hands of man used to turn to gold.

I live on a farm in Delaware Co. with my retired 96 year husband who farms with his son 1600 acres of corn and soybeans. We have 50 acres in pasture for a 45 herd of Jersey cows that are milked twice a day. Corn, bean meal, pasture keep the cows in production. People drive by our farm for the sheer pleasure of seeing cows on pasture. The soul settles down a bit knowing the deep connection among land, animals and their own dining room.

Please be reminded that there are many more gifts from the land when humans live and work on it, not panels!

Most sincerely,
Sylvia Zimmerman

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