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Re: OPSB Case No. 23-930-EL-BGN: Richwood Solar

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am writing to strongly oppose the development of the large-scale Richwood Solar facility proposed to develop on nearly 1600 acres of prime farmland in Leesburg, Claibourne and Taylor townships. It is the THIRD large-scale solar project to threaten prime farmland in northern Union County, Ohio, bringing the total acres to nearly 10,000 acres.

Samsung does not have concrete plans or a signed contract with a decommissioning company to handle the disposal of the solar panels. More importantly, since a large-scale solar project has never been decommissioned in the state of Ohio, no one can predict the cost of decommissioning this project at the end of the lease or when the project goes belly up. The American taxpayer is already carrying the heavy burden of subsidizing this project and all others like it in the country. It is extremely dishonest to lead the American people to believe that there will be enough money in an escrow account to safely decommission this large-scale solar development and return the land to its original condition. For this reason, I urge the voting members of the Ohio Power Siting Board to deny Richwood Solar.

This project does not meet the public interest, convenience, and necessity and should be denied.

Regards,

Sign and Date *Mona Payne 11-1-23*
Mona Payne
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