

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

To the Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am writing this letter in strong opposition to the Case No. 23-930-EL--BGN Richwood Solar LLC, Samsung Project in **Union County**.

Currently, the Cadence Solar Project, LLC in **northern Union County** is one of Ohio's largest solar facilities approved by the OPSB, in terms of acreage covered and power produced, covering up to 4,900 acres of fertile farmland and generating up to 275 megawatts of power located in Liberty, Taylor, and York Townships. In addition to the Cadence Solar Project, the AEUG Union Solar, LLC project has also been approved by the OPSB. It is also located in **northern Union County** in Washington and York townships and it covers 3,355 acres of farmland. It proposes to generate up to 325 megawatts of power.

**Approximately one-third of the total acreage of York Township alone will be consumed by the Cadence Solar project. This project along with AEUG Union Solar LLC in northern York and Washington Townships will total 8,255 acres in Union County.**

If approved, Richwood Solar will add an additional 1569 acres of utility scale solar to **northern Union County**, bringing the grand total to nearly **10,000 acres** of fertile farmland in **northern UNION COUNTY**, converted to utility scale solar. **More than ENOUGH of northern Union County's fertile farmland has been converted to utility scale solar. When is ENOUGH, ENOUGH??!! Agriculture/food-production should never be put in a position of competing with energy companies for land. In fact, our fertile farmland is our most powerful national asset and should be protected and preserved at ALL COSTS. Food production should always trump energy because the fact is, when it comes to meeting basic human needs and sustaining life, food trumps energy.**

**Union county's public need for Industrial solar has been met therefore, there is no Public Need for the Richwood Solar, Samsung project.**

For the above reasons, this project no longer meets the public interest, convenience, and necessity of Claibourne, Taylor and Leesburg townships in **northern Union County, Ohio and should be denied.**

Regards,

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