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

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board:

Richwood, Ohio is an agricultural community. A rural gemstone in the great state of Ohio. The backbone of this community has always been agriculture; it is the blood that runs through the veins of this community and thanks to agriculture and farmers, we have good schools, churches, beautiful landscapes, clean water, healthy soil, reliable tile and drainage and a tight-knit community that is interdependent on agriculture to thrive. The air we breathe and the land that we inhabit is critically vital to this entire community and beyond. They are the elements and the quality of life that we enjoy given to us by our forefathers in the constitution. They reflect our God-given rights – pursuit of happiness. Agriculture is the foundation of a stable economy and consequently, our national security. People’s most basic needs come from agriculture: food, fiber, fuel and shelter. Without those needs being met, the nation is weak and our security is at great risk. Richwood Solar is a direct threat to those basic needs that every person alive and not yet born, has inalienable rights to pursue.

We are asking for help to preserve our way of life. It is very clear that big government subsidies, (our tax dollars obnoxiously ear-marked for solar energy) have clouded common sense of those invested in solar energy but we need the voting members of the Ohio Power Siting Board to take the money out of the equation and vote their conscience and deny Richwood Solar.

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

Regards,



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