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RE: Opposition to Richwood Solar Technician JD Date Processed _____

The Leesburg Township Trustees in Union County, OH are writing to OPPOSE the Richwood Solar project, Case # 23-0930-EL-BGN.

The Union County Commissioners have voted to restrict large wind and solar facilities in Union County, along with the majority of townships in the county under the authority of Senate Bill 52. Leesburg Township is one of those requesting and receiving such action.

We have heard the STRONG outpouring of opposition to these projects from our constituents and other residents of Union County and the overwhelming sentiment is very clear. RICHWOOD SOLAR DOES NOT SATISFY THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD CRITERIA.

Given the current status of restrictions in Union County, if this project was not "partially grandfathered", it would not even be a case before your board.

We strongly request that you DENY this application and let the intent of SB 52 prevail. Bring solar decisions back to the people that are directly in the crosshairs of this assault on our rural communities.

Leesburg Township Trustees, Union County, Ohio

Jeff Robinson, Trustee

Bill Lowe, Trustee

Kevin Dotson, Trustee