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To: Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

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

Dear Members of the Board, *Gregory Stone*

Once again we are writing to the Board to underscore our wholehearted opposition to the Richwood Solar project. We have farmland in two locations in Leesburg Township, some of which directly abut a portion of Richwood Solar. Moreover, the drainage patterns for these two locations pass through the proposed Richwood Solar areas which means that destruction of drainage tile at Richwood Solar will result in flooding of our affected farmland. For our 166 acres currently farmed, approximately 100 of those acres would be affected. In the past three years, we have invested \$150,000 in upgrading our tile.

The drainage destruction is inevitable! One does not need a feasibility study to know that driving hundreds upon hundreds of large steel posts 11 feet into ground will absolutely and without a doubt destroy tile systems. That destruction means crops on our affected land will either be destroyed by backed up flooding or severely damaged by ground that remains overly wet for prolonged periods of time and will not dry out. Sherlock Holmes would say, "Elementary my dear Watson."

Since our previous letter to you, we have spoken to several in our community who firmly believe that you, the members of the Board, really don't care about causal flooding or any of the other issues people have in opposition to the Richwood Solar project. Certainly that cannot be true. Even with the hugh sums of money involved, we have faith that you do care and will weigh heavily the legitimate concerns of so many in this Richwood area community.

We close with the same closing of our last letter, words that we pray will cause you to reflect on your decision. If you approve this Richwood project, we caution you as you retire for the evening, brushing your teeth and looking at the mirror reflection, that you should not be shocked to see your reflection suddenly look back at you quizzically. Your reflection knows that your decision was opposite of what you really know deep within your heart and soul - **that the Richwood project does not benefit all concerned.** There are many like us, adjoining land owners along this project's boundaries, who feel this project **endangers the future of their land as well.** **Please, for the love of God, vote "NO" on Richwood Solar. The 8,000 areas already approved for Union County is enough! No More!**

Sincerely,

James & Jo Mayers

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