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I had the opportunity to attend the public meeting at Richwood High School and I did not sign up to present but feel compelled to send a note expressing my concerns. I will be brief because I am sure there are a lot of comments to review.

First, I know a growing nation needs energy and some of the old, but reliable sources, need supplements. There was a comment made by one of the pro-solar people about the need for more electricity and he said up to 10% of the nation's need for electricity would be for data centers. I need to ask, if data center businesses need additional electricity, and believe solar is the answer, why not put the solar panels on the data center's building or site. This would reduce the need for infrastructure and put the power where it is needed. I do not have a problem with solar energy but not on productive farmland.

We are led to believe that solar power is a clean renewable source but people are not told about what it takes to get the raw materials to make the solar panels, resources it takes to develop sites and build infrastructure, and the dangers of large lithium battery sites just to name a few. I talked to a Samsung rep at a previous meeting and I was told that our electric cost would go up if the Richwood project was not built and he assured me that the solar panels, materials for infrastructure and construction would all be made by American's. Further investigations on my part show this is not true.

The people that were pro-solar all had something to gain from the project but the Richwood citizens that were against the project based their opposition on the negative impacts to the environment, water, drainage, loss of crop land and declining property values. Most of the pro-solar people were not from the area and would only benefit from the project, not deal with the negatives.

It is time to listen to the Richwood citizens. The argument for personal property rights is a joke, I tried to build a house on some property I have and ran into so many obstacles working with the Union County reps, I gave up and purchased an existing house. The few people that will financially benefit from the project do have an obligation not to negatively affect other properties in the area and that is what this project will do if allowed to proceed.

Please do not allow the Richwood solar project to proceed for the sake of the residents and the environment.

Thank you,

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