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Ohio Siting Board  
c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Dear Members of the Ohio Siting Board,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed solar project that is under consideration in [Washington Township/Stark County] 23-0931-EL-BGN . As a resident who cares deeply about environmental sustainability and the protection of our water resources, I believe this project poses significant risks that must be carefully considered.

First and foremost, the construction and operation of a large-scale solar facility in our community could have detrimental effects on local water sources. The site in question is situated near sensitive watershed areas and aquifers that provide drinking water to nearby residents and support diverse wildlife habitats. The potential for soil disturbance, runoff from construction activities, and changes in land use could lead to contamination of groundwater and surface water, jeopardizing the quality and availability of our water supply.

Furthermore, the environmental impact of such a development cannot be overlooked. Our region is home to diverse ecosystems and wildlife that rely on undisturbed habitats for their survival. The installation of solar panels over a significant area of land could disrupt these ecosystems, fragment habitats, and displace native species. The loss of biodiversity and natural landscapes would not only diminish our community's ecological resilience but also affect the overall quality of life for residents who cherish our natural surroundings.

Additionally, while I support the transition to renewable energy sources like solar power, it is essential that we choose locations and practices that minimize environmental harm. Alternative sites for solar development should be explored, ones that do not compromise the integrity of our local environment and water resources.

In conclusion, I urge the Ohio Siting Board to prioritize the protection of our environment and water quality when making decisions regarding the proposed solar project. Our community's future depends on responsible development practices that preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my concerns and the concerns of many others who value environmental stewardship and sustainable development. I trust that you will carefully weigh the potential impacts of this project on our water and environment before reaching a decision.

Sincerely,

Carla Scott



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