



Dear County Commissioners and County Trustees,

I am writing you this letter to state my opposition to the Grange Solar Project.

Imagine that you and/or your family has lived out in the country for years or generations and have enjoyed the peaceful quietness and even enjoy the cows mooing and roosters crowing and watching the crops grow around you. You enjoy the sunset over the crops and pastures as the seasons change..... Now imagine sitting on your back porch and all you get to see now is never changing solar fields on bare dirt. Not to mention for weeks, months or possibly even years you get to deal with construction vehicles up and down your road and hear nothing but the sound of the machines slamming poles into the ground. In my opinion I don't think it is right for the farmer or landowner to profit at the expense of others. Those whose properties will now be surrounded by solar panels, you can't say that their property value won't go down or that their quality of life won't be impacted by the solar fields. I just wonder how many people walk into a real-estate office and say "Yeah, I am looking for a three bed, two bath country home and oh yes I would like it to be surrounded by industrial solar panels."

I just don't understand why we as a nation and especially our county, would put solar panels on prime farm ground, when there are plenty of other areas in this country where the ground isn't nearly as fertile as the precious land they are planning to take over in Logan County. Why aren't we putting solar panels up in old industrial zones, wastelands, down the center of our highways, on top of Walmarts, parking garages, etc? As for the wildlife, there are many articles out there about the adverse effects of wildlife and habitats that these large industrial solar fields have on them.

We in Ohio need reliable energy and if we aren't careful, we are going to end up having rolling blackouts. Advocates of solar seem to forget that the reason the energy is so called cheaper is because it is subsidized by the government, therefore saying it is cheaper energy isn't technically true. As for being a clean energy source don't forget about all the mining, oil, and land destruction that goes into making these panels. Plus, I wonder if these panels will all be made in America. Why do I doubt that they will? If the US government really cared about climate change and producing clean energy, then can someone explain to me why the US reached a record high of coal exports in 2023. So now we are burning fossil fuel just to ship the coal to countries like India and China where they are burning it for electricity, except they don't care about the environment at all. The US at least has regulations and use scrubbers when our plants turn the coal into electricity.

I am not against solar in general, but I am against the avenue being taken by Grange Solar. They will divide our communities, wreak havoc on wildlife, decrease tourism, destroy our farming heritage, lower property values, and then Grange Solar will take their money and run. For these reasons and more, and because I have the capacity to put myself in the shoes of others, I care for my neighbors, my community, and our precious land and lakes, and I certainly don't believe in one group individuals profiting at the expense of others, I am asking you to vote NO on this Industrial Solar Project in our County.

Sincerely,

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.