

Ohio Power Siting Board,

The proposed Harvey Solar 1 project (#21-0164-EL-BGN) in Hartford and Bennington Townships in Licking County will not be beneficial for our community. It will cause harm to the residents, flora and fauna located here, and negatively impact our economic and ecological systems. These are some of the reasons I am **OPPOSED** to Harvey Solar:

- There are two major High Voltage Lines running East/West through Hartford Township, and one current AEP substation on Clover Valley Road. Residents living near these areas have experienced a high rate of serious health issues, most probably caused by the EMFs radiating from the lines and substation. With the current project layout, a second substation would literally sandwich residents on Clover Valley between two AEP substations, potentially causing life-threatening illnesses and a huge decrease in their property values. Residents on other roads in the township will be impacted by dangerous EMFs as well, with the large amount of underground conduit/collection lines planned to connect the solar paneled fields back to the substation, and the 103 inverters to be placed in the paneled fields.
- This area of Licking County is known for its soil and water issues, and has a 100-year floodplain running through it. We have serious flooding issues in many fields, yards, and on many roads when it rains, even with the majority of the agricultural fields having drainage tile installed. The farmers here know and understand the drainage and flooding issues, and have worked together for years to diminish and prevent as much damage as possible. With the installation of solar panels, we can expect an increase in soil and water issues, both in flooding and contamination from runoff.
- The majority of Hartford Township is agricultural, but the southern end of the township is already taken up with an industrial egg farm, which has caused problems for the township and its residents for years - bringing hordes of flies, disease, contaminated water supply, fires, illegal workers, and death following a severe storm. Another industrial project will devastate the remaining portion of the township, leaving no room for progress.
- Hartford Township is abundant with wildlife, including but not limited to deer, rabbits, coyotes, and foxes. There is also an abundance of avian species, including wild turkeys, pheasants, bald eagles, hawks, owls, hummingbirds, and many more. With the installation of thousands of solar panels over 2600+ acres, the natural habitat of these animals and birds will be ruined, and the animals will be displaced. This in turn will cause issues for local residents, as the displaced wildlife will be forced to find new habitats, trails, and new food sources. Residents with crops, gardens, livestock, or domestic pets could all be impacted. Drivers could also see an increase in road crossings, leading to additional crashes.
- Residents both in the project area and in nearby townships and counties will be negatively impacted by the Harvey project. During the construction phase, roads will be damaged from increased traffic and heavy construction equipment; noise and dust will affect our daily lives, and we can expect an increase in crime. Homeowners within a mile or two of the project area can also expect decreased property values.

I am asking that you please **DENY** the Harvey Solar 1 project.

SIGNATURE

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