

SAMPLE EMAIL TO SEND TO OPSB OUTLINING YOUR CONCERNS/OPPOSITION TO HARVEY SOLAR 1, LLC.

Send your email to:

TO: matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov

SUBJECT: Opposition letter to Harvey Solar 1, LLC. Case #21-0164-EL-BGN.

I am writing to express my opposition to Harvey Solar 1, LLC's project application with the Ohio Power Siting Board.

[INSERT YOUR OWN WORDS FOR OPPOSING THE PROJECT HERE. IT IS BETTER IF THE LETTER IS HEARTFELT AND YOUR OWN BELIEFS, BUT BELOW ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN MENTION OR USE AS A GUIDE.]

Example: Although not against the responsible, personal use of solar panels, this proposed industrial-size development is stripping away local rights of the citizens of Hartford and Bennington Townships, as well as residents in the surrounding counties. Only a handful of property owners, some who don't live in the project area, will benefit from this project. Those leasing land will receive annual payments from Harvey Solar for the land they are leasing, and they will pay no taxes on that same land for the next 30+ years.

Example: Property values in Hartford & Bennington Townships will decrease if this solar project is built. It is a known fact that large-scale industrial energy projects negatively impact property values; solar will be no different.

Example: Clean, cost-effective energy for Ohio should be a goal, but the massive footprint of Harvey Solar and other solar projects in general should be studied further before rushing into destroying usable farmland throughout the state. Other options for placing solar panels already exist - brown lands, rooftops, existing vacant industrial areas, as well as other creative options.

Example: Displacement of wildlife and the disturbance of habitats of endangered and/or protected species in Hartford and Bennington Townships and the surrounding area is not acceptable. Deer, wild turkeys, fox, coyote, eagles, and more make their homes in this region, and will be negatively impacted by the Harvey Solar project. Birds are especially susceptible to the heat & glare from the panels, causing them to be injured or killed.

Example: The ecological and environmental impact could be detrimental to the remaining property owners, as this area is already widely known for flooding, even in mildly rainy weather. Fields and yards can be found with standing water, and roads are often covered with rushing water in heavy rains. So what happens when posts are pile-driven into existing field tile, damaging them beyond repair?

Example: The majority of homeowners have wells for their water supply, which are fed by groundwater flowing beneath the fields. The groundwater will be contaminated by the toxic chemicals used in the solar panels and lithium-ion battery converter boxes that will be placed throughout the project area.

Example: As a full agricultural region, strengthening the local economy with increased annual revenue may sound very good up front, but what are the dire effects down the road when no residents or businesses will want to move to Hartford and Bennington Townships because 2865 acres will be filled with solar panels,

leaving limited to no available land for other use?

Example: Harvey Solar will not create local jobs as advertised, because the employees will be transient workers who will be bussed into Hartford and Bennington Townships to work 12-14 hour days for 18 months, then will be gone when the project is complete. Attracting new businesses to this area, with employees that would live here as well, won't be an option if the majority of land in our townships is already full of solar panels. Ohio requires that 80% of employees be local, but to prove they are Ohio domiciled they only need to provide a water bill or expired Ohio drivers license - and that only after the project is complete.

If you want to MAIL your letter, please send it to:

Ohio Power Siting Board

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[If you find other information that concerns you or you know some other way that you will be negatively impacted, use that in your letter. Make sure to sign your email/letter and include which township/county you reside in. Please copy savehartfordtwp@protonmail.com on your email when you send it to the OPSB.]

Thank you!