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It is our belief all sources of energy should be used to effectively provide for growing and expanding businesses and the U.S. population. We are located on Convict Pike outside Flemingsburg in Fleming County in a rural agricultural area. This area is also known for having the richest soil in Fleming County and is also on the outskirts of the county seat – less than three miles from businesses, banks, restaurants, service stations, and the county hospital. Across the road in front of our property is the above proposed project. On the far side of this strip of land is a nursing home, church, high school and a subdivision.

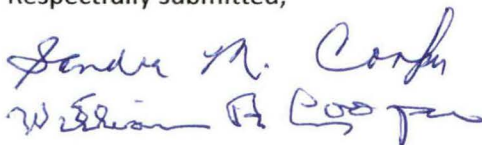
From our vantage point, there would be solar panels visible to the horizon, the exception being local buildings and whatever acreage those property owners elected to not include. If this project were to become a reality, it would lower the property value of our residence and acreage and those of our neighbors and would be a deterrent for potential future buyers. In addition, it would hinder tourist trade and degrade any scenic agricultural benefit.

This area is rich in wildlife and is used daily for farming purposes from raising cattle and other farm animals, growing corn, soybeans, hay, and producing hay as well as truck gardens for sale. Local businesses across the county profit from all this economic activity.

We understand the need to provide electricity to others via the grid, however, the areas taken for this purpose should be more selective and not because a transmission line is nearby. To disrupt the community's way of life, destroy productive land, alter the natural aesthetics of the land, and leave this part of Fleming County in a hulled-out state is not a fair trade-off to provide electricity to other states. Those who are willing to lease or sell their land are completely within their right to do so, but for those who do not want to lease or sell or are not within the boundary of the project have no choice and will have to live with the results that negatively affect the local community.

I trust the Public Service Commission will give careful consideration concerning this proposed project.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Fleming County Fiscal Court; Senator Steve West