

Kentucky State Siting Board
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December 26, 2020

Dear Sir

In 2007 my wife and I retired and moved to Madison County. We chose a small home on three forks road in large part because of the lovely view from the sun porch on the north side of the house. We planned on enjoying retirement in this quiet scenic location and if needed using the equity in our home for long term care when we could no longer live independently.

Because of the lay of the land behind us, we feel that it would be very difficult to screen the view of a solar farm from our home. Had we known what might happen before we bought our home we would definitely have gone some where else. We truly believe that the installation of a solar farm will financially harm us and other home owners near the proposed site who will not be able to screen their home due to the lay of the land.

In a 2018 Forbes magazine article, Michael Schellenberger discusses some of the problems connected with the disposal of solar panels once they have reached the end of their useful life or were damaged by hail or other weather related forces. Studies have shown that many solar panels contain lead and cadmium which is quickly leached by rainfall from solar panel fragments. Currently, solar panels can not be safely disposed of in regular landfills and recycling is expensive. If solar energy companies go bankrupt the cost of managing, recycling and disposal of used panels will be born by the public. My wife and I lived in Eastern Kentucky for 23 years and saw what happened when coal companies went out of business and there was little or no bond money to clean up and restore the mined sites. We hope that when solar farms come, they are required to post a bond that is adequate to cover clean up costs.

Sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Rose and Terry Jones in black ink. The signature "Rose" is on the left and "Terry Jones" is on the right, both written in a cursive style.

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