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For consideration of saying NO to Russellville Solar!

We live on 515 Marian Acres Road very close to the proposed site.

We as a farming community-producing energy and food products from this farm land deserve and request the community have more time for public thought and conversation to make an honest decision for public good. At least another 30 to 60 days extension for the public to become more knowledgeable.

Our road is a dead end road with no houses around us only fields of farm land. There are 2 houses on our road ½ a mile apart. The Vick farm is across the field. We love our beautiful-quiet little spot of land out all by itself. But the so called Solar Farm would change our surroundings forever.

Rare minerals have to come from China and Russia to make up the chemicals that go into solar panels. We are all worried about the environment impact on the proposed land, the surrounding homes, wells and crop land.

We need to be more independent on supplying our own grain and not so dependent on other countries for such things.

Who is going to oversee this once it is in place-who is going to take care of the sheep and sheep dogs- stop potential persons/animals from killing them- stop persons from going in and destroying the panels -who is going to remove and dispose of the broken panels/dead batteries? Who is going to keep check on the pollution that might possibly be going into the surrounding ground waters?? Who and can they be trusted?

Seems this proposal was all hush hush behind closed doors for a while before becoming public.

We as neighbors to this land had no idea about any of it until we were pretty much told it was a done deal and nothing can stop it. Finally it became public and people became more aware of what was going on in the community.

To us calling it a “Solar Farm” is a joke.

A farm is living-producing living things for the good of people, livestock, the environment as a whole and wildlife. There is lots of energy and oxygen being produced on these 1600+ proposed acres. A “Solar Farm” as it is being called is not living or producing anything living, it is killing.

Again I say why destroy beautiful farm land –disturb the environment, wildlife and surrounding homes. Why not build these things where the land is already disturbed, like the strip mines, old abandoned coal mine areas for instance.

Yes, it might take a little more money and time to get them up and running but think of what you are saving in the long run- saving the beautiful much needed crop producing land.

Yes-agree that a person should have the right to do with their land as they choose but this is something that effects more than just them; the goodness of the land, their neighbors, the farmers that may lease the land/raising crops and the environment.

Not saying this is true reasons but they could be.

Greed and laziness are two very bad vices. Why not just sell your land if you are tired of farming, dealing with all the issues that go with it or are in need of money for whatever reason.

Any “good” salesman/woman can make any type deal sound like it is the best thing in the world. A person –a government needs to think about all the issues and possibilities, how it is going to change things. Think about the reality of what might happen, how problems are going to be handled. All the what ifs.....

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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