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To Whom It May Concern,

As a lifelong resident and landowner in Barren County, Kentucky, I am strongly opposed to the Wood Duck Solar Project in the Bon Ayr, Park City, Merry Oaks, and Railton areas. This project was approved by Barren County governing agencies *without* public input and with seemingly little regard for the serious, long-term consequences it will have on our community.

My family has farmed this land for five generations. Our 180-acre farm sits directly across from one of the many scattered sites in this proposed project. The water runoff from this site flows into a creek that runs through my property and ultimately drains into a massive sinkhole, eventually reaching the waters of Mammoth Cave National Park. The risk of erosion, water contamination, and toxic chemical leaching is not just concerning—it's staggering.

Beyond environmental risks, this project threatens the local ecosystem. Removing trees and disrupting wildlife habitats will have a devastating impact on the area's natural balance. The heat, noise, soil contamination, and electromagnetic fields (EMFs) generated by these solar installations pose a direct threat to all living things—humans, animals, and plants alike.

Let me be clear: I am *not* opposed to solar energy. However, I strongly oppose the reckless placement of large-scale solar installations in residential and agricultural areas. The proposed project will be scattered across prime farmland, with many homes completely surrounded by industrial solar panels. Some might ask why affected homeowners don't simply move—but the reality is, property values will plummet, making their homes nearly impossible to sell. No one wants to live in the middle of a commercial solar field. This project benefits a select few while irreversibly harming many.

I have personally spoken with Geenex representatives on multiple occasions and raised serious concerns. I was informed that once Geenex establishes this solar project, they will turn it over to the *government of France*. At a time when foreign ownership of American land is already a growing concern, this is deeply troubling.

Finally, Geenex is exploiting the fact that Barren County has no zoning laws in place to protect its residents. How ironic that they made a \$10,000 donation to "beautify" Barren County—while simultaneously pushing forward a project that will destroy the very thing our county is known for: *its beautiful, productive farmland*.

We must do better. Our leaders must prioritize the well-being of residents over corporate profit. I urge you to reconsider this project before it's too late.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Ann Stephens