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Case # 2024-00337

Dear Members of the Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed large-scale solar development in Barren County, Kentucky. As a concerned resident, I urge the Commission to reject this project for several critical reasons.

First, Barren County currently lacks a comprehensive zoning ordinance to regulate solar developments. Without clear zoning regulations in place, approving a project of this magnitude would be a hasty and irresponsible decision. Zoning is crucial to ensure that solar projects are developed in a manner that aligns with the needs and values of the community, protects the environment, and minimizes negative impacts on local residents. Until proper zoning is enacted, allowing such a large project to move forward would set a dangerous precedent for future developments without the necessary oversight or community input.

Furthermore, this solar project primarily benefits a small group of landowners—just 12 individuals—while placing the broader community at risk. The project offers significant financial gains to these landowners, but the long-term environmental, economic, and social impacts on the rest of the county could be detrimental. It is essential that the benefits of such developments are balanced and shared with the community as a whole, rather than prioritizing the interests of a select few.

Additionally, the proposed project threatens to compromise the natural beauty and ecological health of our region. Barren County is home to diverse wildlife, agricultural lands, and scenic vistas that contribute to both our quality of life and local economy. A massive solar development of this scale could disrupt local ecosystems, agricultural activities, and the county's character. The loss of valuable farmland and natural landscapes would be a lasting blow to the community's heritage and future prosperity.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the Public Service Commission deny approval for this solar project until proper zoning regulations are established and comprehensive community input is obtained. The well-being of Barren County's residents, the preservation of our land and resources, and the integrity of our community should be the foremost priorities in making decisions of this nature.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust that the Public Service Commission will take the necessary steps to protect the interests of all Barren County residents and the environment before moving forward with such an impactful project.

Sincerely,

Bret Stephens

