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Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation  
277 Tower Boulevard  
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Re: Wood Duck Solar in Batten County, Kentucky 2024-00337

To Whom It May Concern:


I am writing to voice my support for Mammoth Cave National Park and am asking the siting board to reject any mitigation plans to remedy the potential contamination of the waterways which flow to Mammoth Cave and Green River which is a water source for many surrounding counties. It is simply too risky and we must protect our cave, at all cost.

I worked as a tour guide at Mammoth Cave from 1967-1978 while teaching history in the Batten County Public Schools. I had the great pleasure of introducing many students to Mammoth Cave with field trips and studies of the history, the ecosystems, new discoveries, etc. It has always fascinated and delighted me.

There is absolutely no project that is worth the potential risk to the waterways. The developer will have consultants offering opinions on what they think is best and ultimately the cave may "cave" to their mitigations; but we have to ask, "What if they are wrong?" We have to ask, "What politician would possibly accept the risk of destroying one of the greatest wonders of the world?" It simply is not worth the risk and not just from batteries, but from the panels, the metal posts, the metal wire, the plastic wire coatings, the increased gravel, and the destruction of hundreds of acres of trees will change the water paths. We can't say for certain where these chemicals and substances will end up. But, denying this project will certainly ensure they don't end up in the cave.

Building an alternative energy solar array in the proposed area is irresponsible. With the increase in flooding in Batten County and Warren County, the caves are already mired out with water and both communities are seeing more sink holes and flooding than ever before.

I implore you for the love of the cave and for future generations, please deny this project. There is no economic benefit that could ever surpass the loss of our cave habitats. They must be protected. The economic benefit from our caves is astronomical to our area and the entire Commonwealth. Stand with the cave. I did for many years and will continue to advocate for the life inside.

Sincerely,  
  
Joe Duvall