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To Whom it may concern,

We, the undersigned, as residents of Barren County, Kentucky, strongly object to the presence of solar projects around our homes and farms. These projects were "approved" without our knowledge or the option for public comment, and after substantial "donations" were made to certain local interests. This reeks strongly of city/county corruption! We the people deserve a voice in our own community.

These projects will have **NO** benefits to the people of Barren County. The panels are manufactured in other countries, there will be no local labor/jobs utilized or created to install these panels, and none of the electricity produced will feed Barren County. In addition to the lack of benefits, there are innumerable hazards associated with solar fields.

The installation of the panels and their required fencing will have devastating effects on local wildlife, migrations, and hunting habits, as well as

setting up huge areas of soil erosion. These fields create areas of extreme heat and noise pollution that will negatively impact local residents (especially our Amish families), livestock, and wildlife, as well as potentially having a detrimental effect on nearby crops. This could significantly decrease property values in and around Barren County, and may well reduce our standing as a top agricultural community in Kentucky.

Solar panels have a very short life expectancy and will be easily damaged by the strong storms we experience in this region. Damaged or broken panels (and/or battery banks) will create toxic runoff that will poison the land for years to come, and will threaten the entire population in the area of Mammoth Cave National Park (including its 40 endangered and threatened species), with its web of underground caves and river systems. Solar fields also experience a very high incidence of fires, which have potential to spread quickly through adjoining properties and farms. If the panels do catch fire, they cannot be extinguished manually, but must be allowed to burn out, releasing their toxins into the environment.

In closing, solar fields make very bad neighbors. They are an eyesore, with the need for mass tree removal and high fencing. Their glare, heat, noise, EMF radiation, and toxic components cause permanent damage to nearby residents, wildlife, and land. They require large amounts of upkeep (eg: mowing, cleaning, repairs), do not function at capacity on cloudy days, are easily damaged, and are not recyclable or accepted at landfills. Many of us have already experienced the negative effects of solar in areas like California and Oregon. They offer nothing positive to our community, and will only destroy the natural God-given beauty that IS the state of Kentucky. The only people that will benefit from this project are those that tried to sneak it through from the beginning, while we, the remaining

residents of Barren County, will be left to deal with the ugly fallout. We **DO NOT** want solar fields in our neighborhoods!

Respectfully,

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