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**Dear Board Members:**

I am asking for your help in Muhlenberg County where we are in a huge push by a large Denmark corporation and a local LLC to build a 1300 acre solar farm called the Lost City Solar LLC Project.

This project began a few years ago when a young man began buying up and leasing land to build a solar farm. He joined with his lawyer friend to form the Lost City Solar LLC. In a get-rich plan for South Muhlenberg County, this LLC contracted Sunrise Renewables, a Denmark Corporation, to build the infrastructure they hope will sell off power to TVA.

After this alliance, their race to wealth snowballed. Community leaders were hired to help sell the project. They hosted community meetings and acted as a go-between with the community and this solar coalition made up of the local Lost City Solar LLC and Sunrise Renewables. Additionally, this solar coalition enticed a majority of county magistrates and the county judge to support their project.

On Oct 29 of this year, the plans for the solar farm were revealed to the community in a public meeting. Since then, local citizens have petitioned the Muhlenberg Fiscal Court for county solar regulations. Yet, at this time, there are none.

What has been billed as a great environmental project does not take into consideration the dozens of families who live in the immediate area and some of whom own adjoining property. It does not take into consideration

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that this area has been chosen by some families as a retirement home with beautiful forests, plentiful wildlife and adequate water sources. It certainly does not take into account the reduction in property values that are bound to hit rock bottom. It does not take into consideration that a home with small acreage may be bounded on three sides by black plastic solar panels. It does not take into consideration the displacement of wildlife and the pollution of ground water.

Most importantly, there is no consideration of our requests for setbacks or to relocate the solar farm on reclaimed strip land that is barren and away from communities like Penrod and Dunmor. Our other suggestion to locate the project on available land close to TVA has also been rebuffed by the fact that this would be costly for TVA. This project would certainly be costly for the people of Penrod and Dunmor. I am one of them.

In your role on the Siting Board, I hope you decide to stand for the people involved in any proposed location rather than the large corporations who wish to extract millions through the Inflation Reduction Act. I fear that as these farms spread over KY, the landscape will be forever changed with the destruction of tillable land, streams, and forests. Kentuckians will not get reduced electricity rates. Only power companies, construction companies, and LLC's will benefit. This will NOT be a project like President Jimmy Carter completed in Plains, Georgia on 10 acres of his farmland...It powered half of Carter's hometown.

In contrast, the South Muhlenberg project will not benefit its residents. It is even questionable whether dozing and burning vegetation qualifies it as a green project. If the project moves forward as planned, the people of our county will lose once again as they are manipulated by large businesses and get-rich schemes. Lost City Solar LL

C has never begun nor finished a solar project. This is their first.

Please consider the aspects of this huge project and stand with the people involved in saving their homes and the flora and fauna of the area instead of the large corporations .

Thanks very much.

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