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Kentucky Siting Board, 211 Sower Boulevard, Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Hello. This is Brandy Alexander. I am writing to oppose the solar farm coming near my home in Dunmore, KY. My doctors advised that I not drive by the solar panels on my way home because of my implanted Vegas Nerve Stimulator. The problem is there are only two direct roads from HWY 431 leading to my house. They are HWY 949 and Forgy Mill Road. Both roads will border the solar farm.

My son and I both have refractory (also none as uncontrollable) epilepsy. Mine is just severe epilepsy that no medicine has been able to help with. I've also got a Vagus Nerve Stimulator in my chest, that when I feel seizure activity coming, I'm to swipe a magnet to turn it on for 60 seconds. But because nothing is working, they are about to do brain surgery and insert what is called a RNS implant. It's like the VNS, only it's put directly into the brain. My doctor who is setting up and scheduling everything for this is Dr. Brittany Ross with Norton's Neurologic Hospital. The neurosurgeon who will be doing the surgery is Dr. David A. Sun, also with Norton's.

Now about my son. He has a rare form of epilepsy called Lennox Gastaut Syndrome. Most people with this don't make it out of their teens. He also has a VNS and they are looking at a Deep Brain Stimulator, which is like the VNS, only it's in the brain. His doctor for this is Dr. Sah with Norton's Children's Hospital.

I have been told my doctors and my son's (we both have a care team, I just listed the ones in charge) that the pull from this solar farm could damage or completely fry out our VNS, and my RNS once it is inserted. It is, literally, life or death for my son and I. I've been in a coma because of mine. I am on 4 seizure medicines and one rescue medicine (Valtoco). My son is on 3 daily seizure medicines and two rescue medicines (Valtoco and Clonopan). And none of these are working for either one of us. If our VNSs get damaged or fried out, we won't have anything to help our seizures, even just a little bit. And having a child with a rare seizure disorder with a very high death rate and mine becoming completely uncontrollable again because of this solar farm scares. I don't want to lose my son earlier than people have told me he would, and I don't wanna die and leave my family completely alone, long before I'm supposed to. In my opinion, this solar farm should not be put in Dunmore, because it would completely be a life or death situation for myself and my 12-year-old son.

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