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To all the Powers that be:

Let's jump right in ..For the record, upon review of the Planning staff report there has been a misrepresentation to the best of my knowledge. You see I am a Farmer/Master Gardener, so I am well versed as to what farming looks like. Best I can tell the land adjacent to the proposed Solar collection installation is not being farmed as the Planning dept was lead to believe. We watched land being cleared, fencing go in, weed cloth laid down, shed placed, a pile of dirt dropped and a massive amount of weeds grow. Not one time in two years have we seen anyone on the property, let alone working it. Not sure how or when a site visit took place by MOCO.

Via Zoom meetings, our neighborhood and a lot of the Barnesville surround was present and expressed our concerns with these Investors that abruptly came into our Community. It's apparent, all fell on deaf ears.

Given the level of distrust at this point with multiple parties, who would be in charge of compliance if this abomination within the Ag Reserve is approved? And what are the "detailed plantings"? Evergreens with irrigation would be necessary at the very least. We ask that all of our wells which support our drinking water remain fine.

I'll note that there are NO fire hydrants here in our rural area with limited emergency infrastructure. With panels overheating, we are concerned and fearful of potential loss of life and crops. Not sure if that was addressed?

I'll finish by noting that our Community is very disheartened at how far this has gone thus far. We're all for renewable energy....sited appropriately. Why not Roof tops, warehouses or commercial buildings? Is ground installation really necessary in the Ag Reserve? I'll add a lot of my ground was garbage..full of shale when I took it on, but with regenerative practices have built amazing soil and plantings which was the intent in this region -now and for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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