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Dear Board Member,

My husband, Clay, and I both grew up in Ogle County and decided to stay when we graduated. We got married and started our family here. Since our children were born, it has been our goal to raise them out in the country. We have worked very hard for the last 11 years, and two months ago, we bought our dream home in the country. It may not be everyone's dream- fixer upper for sure. But we fell in love with it instantly mostly due to its setting. Its located on two and a half acres right in the middle of a beautiful cornfield. More specifically, in the middle of the cornfield in the 11,000 block of Big Mound Road. The first pictures we took here were all outside because that is what we love most about our new home. Our first night, we stared at the stars and appreciated how quiet and dark it was. Our young children recently ran out to wave to the farmer as he drove his combine through the crops.

Needless to say, we were absolutely heartbroken two weeks ago when our new neighbors told us about the potential solar plant being placed immediately behind our brand new home. Right in the cornfield that moved us to buy the home. Eight foot cyclone fencing, security lights and acres upon acres of panels filled with hazardous materials and toxic metals would be replacing our beloved rustic country view.

My husband recently went to talk to the landowners who are applying for this special use permit. They do not live in Ogle County. They will not have to stare at this solar plant everyday. I will. They expressed to him that they were not concerned with the other people affected by their decision or the wellbeing of the County in general.

I beg of you to consider us in your decision of whether or not to approve this solar plant. We love Ogle County and were hoping to live out our simple dream of raising our children in a peaceful, beautiful setting.

Please come and visit us. See for yourself the effect this solar plant will have on our life. This plant is so close to our home that our exact address (11444 E. Big Mound Rd, Davis Junction, IL 61020) is being used as the site location. In my opinion that means that it is much too close. It was a terrible feeling seeing my new address used in the paperwork for this solar plant. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider my position in this issue.

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