

Sample Letter

Date

**Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215**

RE: Case #24-0495-EL-BGN

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am sending you this letter as a *(resident, land owner, business owner, farmer,...)* **asking you to deny EDF-Renewables' Eastern Cottontail utility-scale solar project. I live** *(adjacent, within __ feet, within one mile, within 2 miles, name of township, Fairfield County resident...).*

My concerns include *(Focus on your 2-3 major concerns, giving personal examples of how this would affect you, your family, business. Put this in your own words.)*

Some possibilities to include here might be:

Agriculture—*loss of prime farmland, damage to field tiles, noxious weeds, land will possibly never be able to be farmed well again due to soil compaction and damage to topsoil, the loss of a generation of farmers who know how to care for the land*

Construction—*noise, dust, flooding, amount and speed of traffic, hundreds of non-residents in the area, road damage, sound of driving posts into the ground from sun up to sun down.*

Fires—*our small fire department is not equipped to fight a fire in an industrial solar area*

Wildlife—*deer and other wildlife will be disrupted causing accidents, loss of habitat and even death to the wildlife*

Property rights *of nearby and adjoining landowners who chose to live/invest in this property in an area zoned as rural residential need to be protected*

Property values *of the surrounding area will go down, according to a recent major study*

Loss of tranquil, rural countryside—*construction will greatly disrupt our lives and we will forever lose the peace and beauty of our area*

I again ask you to deny the Eastern Cottontail solar project.

Thank you for your time,

Name,

Full address *(phone and email if you wish)*

Cc: Balderson, Schaffer, LaRe, Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Walnut Township Trustees

Citizens for Fair Fields

We feel that it is vital that the Ohio Power Siting Board hear from every resident who is opposed to the Eastern Cottontail utility-scale solar project planned for 1,550 acres of Walnut township in Fairfield County, Ohio. These letters should be personal, not form letters, but we know that it is helpful to have a guide. The sample letter is just that. Please write any letter with your own personal touch. More research and information can be found on our website citizensforfairfields.org or the Protect Amanda Township website, www.thissolarthing.org. Whether emailed, typed, or handwritten, the important thing is making your voice heard with the OPSB. We have also included the contact information for our federal representative, state senator and representative, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Walnut Township trustees. Please copy your OPSB letter to our elected officials.

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