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## Opposition to Solar Farm Installation Letter

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To whom it may concern:

I have come to express my great displeasure over the installation of a solar panel farm next door to us. The lot is listed as Parcel ID#: 44016022002000, the Robert D. Klopfenstein estate.

To begin, we bought this house in 2020 with the intention of it being our forever home. My husband and I have always wanted to live in the country and were given the opportunity to do so. Over the last few years, we were blessed with loving family and have planned to continue growing. My family loves being able to enjoy our yard/field, looking out of our windows to see the beautiful treeline, the deer and turkey in the field, and the unpolluted starlight at night.

To be blunt, the building a solar panel farm directly next door to us will take away the very things we have come to love. The solar panel farm will drastically effect several factors within our proximity. For example, we will see a reduction in the wildlife in this area. This will negatively effect many avid hunters, such as my husband, as the wildlife will greatly decrease due to lack of coverage and food needed to survive. Tearing down trees and removing important vegetation will ultimately effect our property and surrounding areas in all aspects. In our case, we will no longer be able to enjoy the view of our own property without seeing, no exaggeration, the eyesore next door.

While we would love to continue living at our home, if we did plan to sell our house due to the solar panel farm installation, the value of our house will decrease in direct correlation to this project. This solar farm will hurt our chance to sell our house, as well as, other surrounding homes. The average decline is around 2.3% for homes closer to the solar farm, within a 0.25-mile radius. There are many homes within that radius that this will ultimately effect.

The 9-12 months of building and installation will be extremely disruptive to us being in such close proximity. Frankly, it is ludicrous. I have a year old child and will be planning to have another baby fairly soon. I can't imagine trying to put my children down for a nap with the constant stream of loud noises. This will assumingly include employees yelling, truck/traffic noise, dumping of materials, heavy equipment being used, and so on. We will be dealing with congested traffic constantly stopping in front of our house as well. It will be difficult for my husband and I to leave. This is understandably very frustrating! The increased traffic on the road, the constant trucks dropping off materials and the general installation is a heavy burden upon us. It is estimated that 15 trucks a day will be at the project. That is incredibly disruptive! Not to mention the increased amount of light due to security lights and cameras that will be disruptive during the evening and cause more light pollution.

Another worry I have is the possibility of increased criminal activity. While the solar panels have copper wiring and other valuable materials, this can bring criminals with bad intentions. Considering we would be very close to the solar panel farm, this could bring ill intentioned people to our home and cause a risk of safety. I am aware that there will be security measures in place for the solar panels, but that leaves our house open to a break-in.

I'd like to address the removal of trees causing runoff, drainage issues, and toxic material leaks will effect our property. There is not a 100% guarantee that the panels will not be damaged at some point in time. If they are not sealed, they will leak toxic material that can affect our property. This could have an incredible negative environmental impact if the toxic material drained into the soil or the creek out back. While they will have people to check on the erosion and runoff, I'm going to assume there will need to be multiple crews with heavy machinery to fix these issues, again, causing more disruption.

Another matter of concern is the electromagnetic radiation that is considered "safe". I have not seen enough research of a population being exposed to this for 30-40 years to feel comfortable. You can absolutely not say that it is 100% safe to be exposed to daily. If either my children or I start to develop sickness or severe behavioral issues, I will immediately consider the radiation as a possibility. My family and I would be exposed everyday regardless of a "buffer".

I feel this is also an incredibly expensive project to take on. The materials needed to construct these panels quite are expensive. This seems like an ill use of money that the community has to fund. It is also not guaranteed that this area



will provide enough sunlight to generate funds worth the installation. This seems as though this capital expense will fall outside of the budget. I also believe that once these solar panels are installed that the number of solar farms will steadily increase throughout the upcoming years. This will only be the beginning of trees, farmland, vegetation and wildlife being continually uprooted and destroyed. Not to mention how the cost of all of this installation and labor will continue to be a burden to the tax payers.

I had read that there will be a treeline planted to help hide the solar panel farm from our view. Unfortunately, all I have to do is go upstairs to the second floor to see over the buffer. Again, this is a view that we will have to see every single day for the next 30-40 years. I hope you can understand that this is less than desirable and is an absolute eyesore. Planting small vegetation around the panels and providing a treeline will not make the farm look any better. We planned to build a balcony to enjoy our view, but why would we want to see a security fence and solar panels?

Our neighbor, Bob, who passed the day my daughter was born had lived in that house his entire life. We enjoyed having him as a neighbor because he appreciated values and was a hard working man. He was well known as a pillar in the farming community. He was a helpful and genuine man that dedicated his life to his farm work. I can't imagine that he would want his farmland destroyed like this. In fact, we were personally told by Bob that he was approached to have solar panels installed on his land. Even with the money that was offered to him, he had refused. If you go through with this plan, you will continue to hurt the farming community the more solar panel farms you install.

You say that the project has low impact on the land and surrounding property owners. I disagree entirely. I will reiterate again that you are destroying trees, wildlife, and vegetation to create a large scale solar farm. I do not take this destruction of nature lightly.

In conclusion, we chose to move here because this is our dream home and property. We didn't choose to live next to a highway, a factory, or in the city. We chose this house because we appreciated the quietness of nature. Our love for our property is unmeasurable. I have grown increasingly angry that this project is being pushed. We will continually fight against this project for however long it takes. I will painstakingly conduct further research for rebuttal. If my family unfortunately loses this battle, we will consider selling our house. I would hope that the members of the board would put in an offer so they may have the pleasure of living next to a solar farm for 35+ years with the property continually decreasing over time. Please find it in your hearts to not take our peaceful life away from us.

"Now four generations farmin' the ground.  
Grandson sells it to a man out of town.  
And two weeks later the trees go down.  
Only got concrete growin' around." - Oliver Anthony.

- Sincerely,

Sadie Twaroski

