

I am an adjacent resident of this proposed Commercial Solar Facility in West Highland Acres. I oppose Petition 4666.

- A) The commercial solar facility will be detrimental and also endanger our health, safety, comfort & general welfare. This solar facility will be in our backyards. This site is surrounded by gas lines. Electricity going into the ground has to go somewhere and could go to the (metal) gas lines and corrode the insulation in these pipes. If they rupture it can cause serious harm & damage. Electricity going into the ground from the inverters and cables in the solar installations or operations and electrical current leaking into the ground which could damage pipelines. Arcing: Lightning strikes in the solar facility could cause a high voltage to arc to nearby pipeline. Also, there is a currently flooding into our subdivision already from this farm. Putting up this solar field will compound the situation. Noise when installing this facility will be unreasonable. Pounding metal into the ground until 9 pm. There is a nursing home across the street and children in our subdivision. I seen Sunvest other solar facility (Plat Township Petition 4607) that they maintain and it has all dead grass underneath the panels. Reckless abandonment. Looks like it is a match away from a fire. I don't trust Sunvest to maintain in the manner that is required by Kane County to keep us safe. They have no landscaping plan for upkeep. When are they going to mow. How about weed control? Are they putting goats or sheep? Maybe cattle because they are installing a cattle fence per Edward Butts description in his final testimony – for petition 4607 exact type of fence. (See two pictures attached) (Also Edward Butts description of the fence that is to be put into petition 4666) When will they replace any dead bushes or trees or grass? In the meantime, the residence here will suffer all the consequences.
- B) The special use will be injurious to the use and enjoyment of all our properties in West Highland Acres. It is not compatible with our residential area and will have a negative impact on our property values & neighborhood character. All the homes in this subdivision take great care of our homes & manicured lawns. We love the closeness to the city but love the country in our backyards. This will change for all of here in West Highland Acres if this solar facility is built. This is the reason we purchased this home. This is the wrong location for a commercial solar facility surrounded by residential homes and nursing homes and schools. My husband and I will be surrounded by two Commercial Solar Facilities. Petition # 4661 was voted down but TNT Howard, LLC is filing an appeal with Kane County. You already know that because Timothy Meyers had a scheduled date of September 9, 2025 but withdrew at the last minute. To reapply in October probably when this petition is completed. This is all about money for them but this is our home. I love Elgin and support the City of Elgin's decision to build single family homes with detached garages. Please vote this petition down because Petition 4661 set precedent that Commercial Solar Facilities don't belong directly next to residential homes. Please see attachment to view my house with 2 commercial solar facilities next to it.

Sincerely,

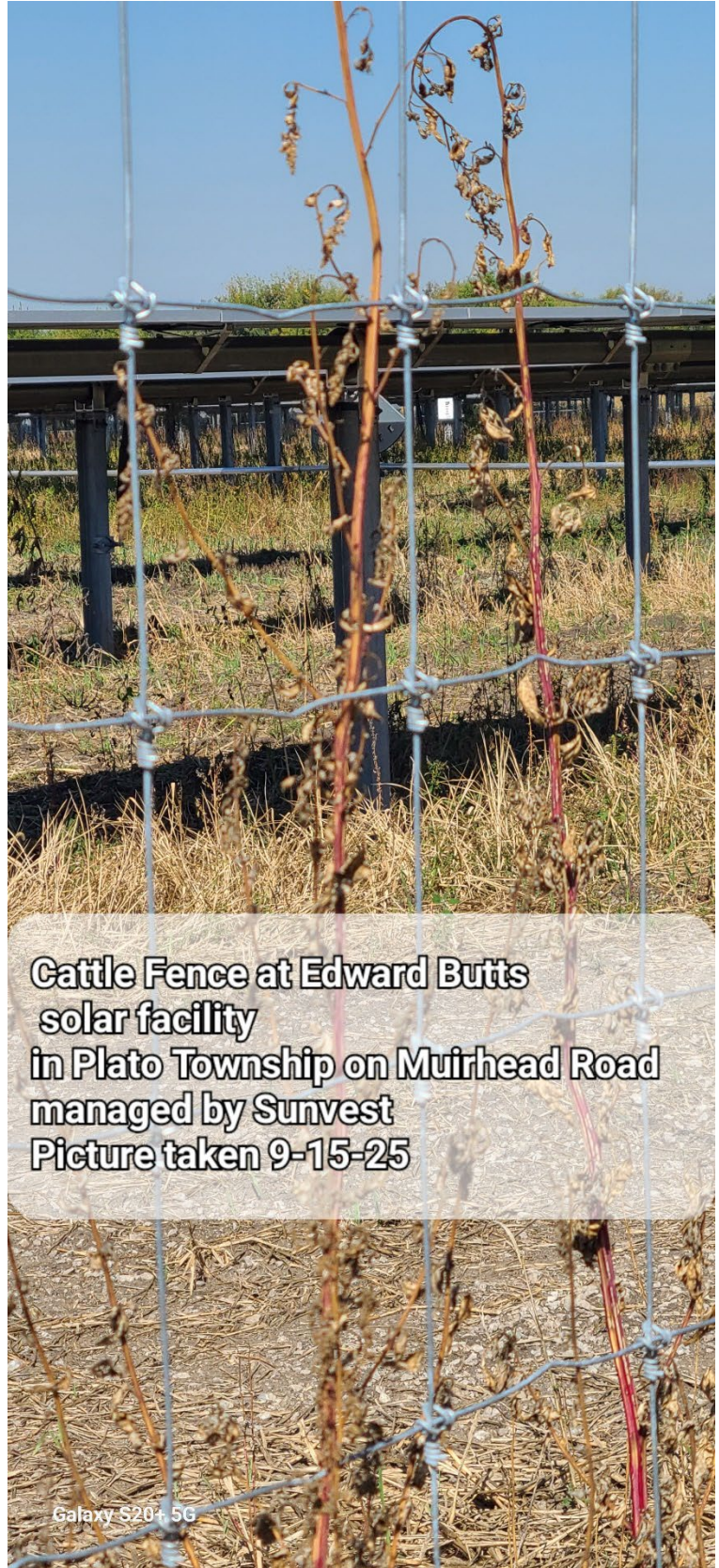
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**Sunvest - Managed
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Looks like a fire hazard!**



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**Cattle Fence at Edward Butts
solar facility
in Plato Township on Muirhead Road
managed by Sunvest
Picture taken 9-15-25**

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System Design

We rejected an offer from a solar provider 5-6 years ago, in part, because we did not like the design. In that instance, the solar provider was planning to install rows of solar panels running from east to west rather than parallel to the road. The panels were south facing and stationary. The company was not proposing a buffer area of native grasses outside the equipment area, and they planned to build a chain link fence around it. (We particularly objected to the chain link fence because it was out of character with an agricultural setting.)

By contrast, Sunvest is proposing to install rows of solar panels running north and south parallel to Muirhead Rd. The panels will rotate to follow the sun from east to west during the day. In addition to planting pollinator friendly, flowering native grasses within the equipment area, Sunvest is proposing to include a 25-foot buffer area of such grasses around the equipment area. They are proposing to enclose the area with an 8-foot fixed knot fence. A fixed knot fence is a traditional farm fence. It is the same fence we would use to fence in livestock.

I believe, and I think my sisters agree, that an array of symmetrically designed, sun-following solar panels built in a field of flowering, pollinator friendly prairie grasses would not be an unattractive sight. After looking out of our west window for 80 years to see only corn or corn stubble or soybeans or soybean stubble, we think this solar field may offer a refreshing alternative.

Positive environmental impacts

For my sisters and I, a factor in our decision was the positive benefit this solar field will provide for native species. When my older