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Natalie Zine, zoning planner

To the Kane county Board voting on Petition # 4666 in regard to solar field proposed to be built on much valued and needed farm land only 150 ft from outside wall of houses, the 150 feet including their property of the homeowners of the houses.

First I would like to say, I am against building solar panels in an area so close to where people live. I have read a lot about solar fields near housing, it affects drainage, wildlife, housing values. People who have invested in their houses and taking on the property taxes that reflect their surroundings are not being taken into consideration when an ugly eye sore of a solar farm steals their once beautiful views they carefully invested in. Not to mention tornadoes seem to be more and more common in the Elgin areas; dangers of flying glass panels in a tornado so very close to housing seems to me very poor planning for the safety of the community, especially at 150 feet from a house. I believe you should take a serious look at the debris field in the "Maroa tornado", that hit a solar farm and neighboring community in southern Illinois, before you say yes to this solar farm. If people on the board were living on this border of this solar farm, I might be more inclined to believe you thought this was a safe idea? Can we not convince the solar companies and our town leaders to build the solar fields away from existing housing and proposed future housing projects of our adjacent communities and work toward goals together with property owners alike.

Secondly, We passed by several solar fields between Bloomington and Saint Charles, we saw arborvitae's dead on the circumference bordering the solar fields and in other states some fire departments view this plant as a fire risk. If they are not maintaining the fields bordering I55. Why would we believe they would maintain this field. Houses 150 feet away is just to close if it comes to a fire risk. I have relatives in Pacific Palisades, California is something we can learn from, we need to do everything as a community to build safer friendly neighborhoods. we depend on our leaders to care about our properties and the lives on them as much as we do.

On another note, Locking up farm land for 35 years is a long time, in times of unknown national challenges and an ever changing dynamic of world trade, I believe we need all our farms. We need to be a more independent nation and provide produce for our own country. For our own local people, every farm is an asset to our communities. Save our farms, keep farming part of our communities. Keep the ground safe and rich in nutrients.

Lastly, did you know that Kane county is in a main migration belt of birds called the central flyway, with over 70 endangered species flying through Kane county Elgin area alone? I am for protecting birds any way we can. Kane county, Elgin is important to these endangered birds.

I asked myself why do I care? I care because your building next to a person who is elderly, a young couple just starting out, a couple who worked hard to save up and buy their house and continue to contribute to their community, all of these families (Grandma and Grandpa, Mom and Dads some with children, and couples) they can be our family, our neighbors our community. So I say No please vote no. I care about all these people as if they were my neighbors.

Sincerely, Rachelle Beardsley

A wife, a mom, a daughter and sister.