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**Subject:** Proposed Solar Farm

Mr. Crain,

Here are details about the proposed solar project that you and I spoke about earlier today.

A solar company has quietly entered into a lease agreement with a large land holder for a 2,400 acre solar farm in our rural agricultural area. This will irreversibly and permanently change the landscape. There are many negative impacts that are associated with solar projects on this massive of a scale, the worst of which are, on average, shorter lifespans for nearby residents and the destruction of wildlife and wildlife habitats. Other projects, similar to this, have been shutdown by Federal Wildlife Officials because of the excessive heat, sometimes in excess of 900 degrees, which has been responsible for killing large amounts of migratory birds. There is a reason that these ventures are typically setup in the middle of vast landscapes, far away from populations. We need your help to bring attention to this issue. Our children and our way of life are dependent upon someone shedding light on this dangerous project.

Based on the weather we've all experienced over the past 15 months, there hasn't been a whole lot of days that have been optimal for harnessing solar energy. Not to mention the debris field from another large-scale hurricane and the potential subsequent contamination that could results for the components that would infiltrate our ground water system which we solely rely on for all of our drinking water. Here are some links that you might find interesting.

<https://youtu.be/emBY6phmn9E>

<https://pickboon.com/disadvantages-of-living-near-a-solar-farm/>

<https://coastalagro.com/solar-farming-not-a-good-use-of-agricultural-land/>

<https://www.electrosmogprevention.org/public-health-alert/health-alerts-solar-panel-systems/health-risks-of-solar-panels/>

Please share with the rest of your staff and board members, so they can understand both sides of deal. Thank you for hearing us out.

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