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Commissioners:

We would like to voice our concerns about enabling sPower to install an almost1.8 million solar power farm. It's the size and scope of this project that has us most concerned. We understand that the expected life span of solar panels is about 35 years. We won't be around then but have you considered the exit plan for this solar farm? Where do the 1.8 million panels go once they are of no further use? Is there a recycling plan? Would the panels be buried in a landfill? Where? Would it be safe to bury? What if sPower builds and decides to leave after ten years or they declare bankruptcy? Do they just walk away? Is Spotsylvania left to clean up? Have you looked into the process to decommission this site? And, once this has been cleaned up, our grandchildren will need to wait another 35 years and hope for reforestation.

Another concern is its impact on Spotsylvania County. Is the added annual taxation of this company greater than the taxes of homes/farms that would otherwise be built on this land or in bordering neighborhoods? Existing tax revenues would certainly decline when already existing homeowners request

reevaluations of their home assessment due to the negative effect of solar panel construction on their property.

This is a massive endeavor. If you must proceed we urge you to consider a prototype on a much smaller scale. Please take more time to adequately research the impact on Spotsylvania County.

Thank you,
Judy and David Walsh
Livingston District residents

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