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Subject: S-Power SUP/ request to vote NO.

Dear Spotsylvania Planning Commissioners:

Respecting the value of your time, I will be as brief as this topic allows.

I reach out to you to express my thoughts on the Special Use Permit application by S-Power in Spotsylvania.

My wife and I were living in Boston less than two years ago. A curious coincidence had us meet an airline pilot on a hotel shuttle, and when we told him we were looking for a special place to live in retirement, he gushed about Fawn Like and the surrounding area. The people, the history, the beauty of the area sold us on moving our future to this area.

I now appeal to you to guard our financial and emotional investment in Spotsylvania.

The history of our country in many respects started in this area in Virginia. At that early point in our country's history, we decided collectively to place our interests, our livelihoods and our future in the hands of elected officials who would represent us. Business, organizations, and other entities were not granted this power.

Residents of communities were, in order to have someone look out for their interests.

That's the macro-history. The micro-history is comprised of the scores of people I have met in Fawn Lake and surrounding areas that have put virtually their life's work into their decision to reside in this community. Veterans, businesspersons, teachers and retired public servants are my neighbors; and they, almost without exception, urge you to reject this application for the SUP.

Many of our neighbors have scientific backgrounds or are currently scientists and have researched this project. We have learned much from them and are grateful for their efforts. They have pointed out the hazardous materials employed in this project.

We are all painfully aware of the harm this could present to us. Introducing mammoth amounts of Cadmium into our ecosystem poses our first clear and present danger. Cadmium is considered an environmental hazard. Cadmium is one of six substances banned by the European Union's Restriction On Hazardous Substances.

To be frank, the "Cad-Tel" mixture does not instill adequate confidence in me that this is a safe alchemy to be placed so close to residences.

OSHA still labels this "Cad-Tel" product a "hazardous material".

I've heard no assurances that have convinced me there is no danger of Cadmium leakage. Should this project location be where common sense would dictate…far from a concentrated residential area…I feel it would give those responsible for clean ups enough time to protect humans from exposure. This would not be the case at such proximity as this project affords. It is dangerous.

Next, we consider the traffic. It is simply unacceptable to consider the projected amount of traffic…especially the large, heavy duty trucks….as anything but an unacceptable and preventable hazard to our community, and especially our children. You've all been on these roads. They are narrow, somewhat heavily travelled already, often pitch dark and they have virtually no shoulders; no room for error. There are at present, far too frequently, traffic accidents along these roads. I urge you to, at best, make the situation better, but do not, under any circumstances, take action that will obviously make the matter worse.

Then there is the situation of property value. A gentleman spoke quite eloquently and succinctly at one of your public hearings. He asked the question, "If you were to see this area years ago, would you invest in residences such as Fawn Lake?"

The answer, knowing the success of Fawn Lake and other nearby projects, its sensitivity to the surrounding environment and astonishing increase in the County tax base, would have to be a resounding "Yes!"

He then asked a simply brilliant rhetorical question. If the 6,000-acre solar project were to be built…and there were no residences located at the very edge of the project…would YOU be the one to invest in building a residential project adjacent to it?"

The clear, unambiguous answer from anyone honestly answering that question would be, "NO."

Many of us living in close proximity to this proposed project understand the need for alternative energy sources. We also understand the need for sanitary landfills. We may even recognize the continued need for nuclear energy plants and strip-mining operations.

But we can recognize all that and still maintain a common sense approach that NONE of those endeavors should be knowingly and willfully placed in and throughout presently occupied residential areas. Surely, we can find alternative locations that would not be literally adjacent to numerous existing homes.

So what do we ask of you, our elected representatives?

We ask that you protect us.

We ask that you advance our interests and common goals:

- Community Safety
- Reasonable and prudent advancement of economic growth
- Responsible and ethical spending of our tax dollars
- Protection of our personal investment in this Community

I ask that you vote NO on this proposed Solar Project.

Sincerely,

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