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Dear Kane County Development Committee,

My name is Michelle White. My husband and I chose to raise our two young children at 12N597 Jackson Drive in Elgin because we fell in love with the rural charm, open land, and peaceful way of life that make Kane County so special. We are writing today—as are many of our neighbors—to strongly oppose Petition 4661 and the proposed solar farm development near our home.

We moved here for the fields, the wildlife, and the space to breathe—something increasingly rare. Allowing an industrial solar facility in the middle of an established residential and agricultural community directly undermines the values that draw people to Kane County in the first place.

Why would Kane County consider placing an industrial solar project in the heart of a residential and farming community? There is nothing about this location that makes sense for a utility-scale operation like this.

Here are just a few of the serious concerns we hope you will consider:

1. Negative Impact on Property Values

Would future buyers want to purchase homes surrounded by two solar farms? Would you? We are concerned this project will significantly reduce property values for dozens of families—many who have invested their life savings in their homes.

2. Loss of Tree Cover and Increased Flooding

The landowner has already removed many mature trees, which served as a natural buffer. Any further development raises the risk of flooding and erosion for nearby homes and roads.

3. Poor Past Land Management

Last summer, the property owner conducted multiple open burns that filled our neighborhood with smoke, forcing families indoors and requiring fire department intervention. If the land hasn't been responsibly managed in the past, how can we trust it will be handled better with solar panels involved?

4. Noise and Ongoing Disruption

What are the projected noise levels during construction—and long after? Will there be heavy equipment, electrical humming, or frequent maintenance visits? We haven't been given clear answers. This lack of transparency is deeply unsettling for residents.

5. Lack of Oversight and Accountability

Who owns and manages the site long-term? What happens when the lease changes hands? What oversight will the County have, and how quickly can it respond to complaints or safety concerns?

6. Environmental and Health Concerns

Our entire community relies on well water and septic systems. Any contamination—whether from broken panels, runoff, or chemical leaks—puts our health directly at risk. There is still very little long-term research on the environmental impact of utility-scale solar fields on groundwater.

7. Community Opposition

We are not alone. Many of our neighbors have voiced strong opposition. We urge you to listen to the residents who will live with the consequences of this decision for decades.

There is a time and a place for clean energy—but this is not the right location. We respectfully ask you to protect the families, land, and environment that make Kane County so unique.

Please vote no on Petition 4661 and keep Kane County's residential and rural areas safe, livable, and beautiful for generations to come.

Sincerely,
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