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From: Brian McKenna [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Zine, Natalie
Subject: EX: Fwd: Objection to South side of Highland Ave., ~0.7 mi west of Randall Rd., Elgin Township, Kane County, Illinois (PINs 06-08-100-008, 06-08-100-023, 06-08-300-002, 06-08-300-008).

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jessica McKenna [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

We are Brian and Jess McKenna, we are a family of five, with three young children. We are owners of a home at 37W455 Brechin Trail and 27 acres of land (13 acres which are currently utilized for soybean and feed corn farming) located directly across from the proposed site for rezoning. We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of the farmland adjacent to our property for the purpose of establishing a solar farming operation. While we appreciate the importance of renewable energy, we believe that this project poses significant risks to public health, safety, and the overall quality of life for residents in our community.

The introduction of solar farming in a residential area raises serious concerns regarding public health and safety. Specifically, the potential for fires associated with solar panels and transformers could endanger nearby homes and families. Moreover, the risk of contamination to well water and soil due to potential leaks or spills from equipment poses a direct threat to the health of our community.

Electromagnetic fields (EMF) generated by solar equipment and associated electrical infrastructure have been the subject of ongoing research and concern. While some studies suggest minimal risk, the long-term effects of exposure to EMF on human health remain uncertain. As residents, we deserve transparency and clarity regarding these potential impacts, particularly as it concerns the safety of our children and families – as you can imagine this is especially concerning for us with three young children who are growing up playing in and around the forest near the proposed site.

Additionally, the proposed solar farming operation could lead to significant environmental challenges, particularly in terms of drainage. The alteration of land use can disrupt the natural water flow patterns, leading to potential flooding and drainage problems for our properties and the surrounding area. This disruption could result in not only detrimental effects on local ecosystems but also increased costs and burdens on homeowners.

Furthermore, the proposed rezoning and establishment of a solar farm could lead to a decrease in property values in our area. Potential buyers may be deterred by the proximity to industrial-scale solar operations, which could affect the desirability of our neighborhood. The long-term financial implications for residents must be carefully considered in your decision-making process.

The character of our residential area is defined by its land and the tranquility it provides to families. Rezoning this land for solar farming would irreparably alter the landscape and compromise the integrity of our community. The introduction of commercial operations in a primarily residential corridor could lead to increased traffic, noise, and disruption, fundamentally changing the nature of our neighborhood.

Finally, the application process itself has raised significant concerns regarding transparency and public engagement. As stakeholders in this community, we expect to be informed and included in decisions that affect our lives. The lack of clear communication and comprehensive information about the proposed solar farm exacerbates our concerns and undermines trust in the decision-making process.

In conclusion, we urge the Zoning Board to consider the significant risks associated with this rezoning proposal. The potential public health and safety hazards, environmental impacts, and adverse effects on property values and community integrity warrant serious reconsideration of this project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope that you will take our concerns to heart and prioritize the well-being of our community in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Brian and Jess McKenna

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