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I am a resident of Summit Lake twp. I had spoken briefly to Craig Janezich after the Summit Solar meeting on April 6. He mentioned I should explain in detail the set back we are proposing for solar panels from residential homes.

Currently Geronimo is offering only a 300 ft setback. That amount is totally unacceptable by rural residents. Depending on several circumstances a rural home could be in a 600 ft black jail. Several home owners in the solar panel footprint have been living in fear and anxiety for over a year thinking this may happen to them. As a rural resident we live in wide open spaces. We have learned seeing wildlife, neighbors doing field work and watching the seasons change is a normal but yet valuable asset. We are appalled at the fact currently Geronimo can come in and take those valuable assets from us. As if this stressful situation was not enough the rural homeowners in this situation are further penalized by having their property value plummet. Many of us have sank our life savings and decades of hard work into our homes. This situation must be corrected. Geronimo or any other solar panel developer must NOT have the right to damage lives and livelihoods at their free will. They are putting their profits in the forefront and residents are left being the big losers. This is so very wrong.

We are pleading to the PUC. We hope you can right this wrong. Geronimo an intruder in our neighborhood should not have the ability to wreak havoc on the lives of area residents. It is no wonder people from all over this country are crying foul and fighting to suppress these damaging practices which are giving the solar industry a black eye. In order to maintain a peaceful countryside and allow this industry to prosper changes MUST be made.

After much thought and experimenting we would like the PUC to please mandate a 1000 ft setback of solar panels from residential homes. This would solve a multitude of problems. People would have some of their natural space back, hopefully some wildlife would return. This would give room for food plots, pollinator plantings, large gardens and maybe even some grazing possibilities. These are all beneficial for mental and physical health. Such a setback would help maintain property values. We simply can not stress enough there are so many positive things that can result by increasing the setback. We would also like to mention this setback could be negotiable, perhaps some residents might feel their home for what ever reasons might not need this much setback. They could negotiate

this distant with the developer for whatever in return. At least then the resident is controlling his or her own destiny, not the developer. That is the way the system should work.

We know Geronimo or who ever the developer might be would cry this would cut into their profits. True of course but protecting the sanity and health of the resident that is giving up a portion of their freedoms is much important than protecting the profits of billion dollar companies. The developer could also see positive results, like a much friendlier acceptance by the public that will notice how they respected and treated area residents. With a new ground breaking neighbor friendly program possibilities of future projects will be much easier to sell.

An increased set back is a win, win. We urge and pray you will mandate this new 1000 ft setback immediately. Fears and anxieties would be lowered, people could restart their lives and begin to smile again.

Thank for your time and consideration.

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