

Dear Governor Inslee:

Governor, you are my last line of defense. As you know, you will soon be presented with the EFSEC recommendation as to the location of the 5 solar panel sites in Kittitas County. I am writing to you concerning the "Typha" site. I am the co-owner of the Ellensburg Golf Club along with my twin brother Frank. Our 9 hole course, which is the only course in Ellensburg, is next to the proposed Alpha site. Locating 20,000 solar panels on irrigated land next to a golf course reeks of stupidity and an absolute lack of common sense. I understand that times are changing, fossil fuels are on their way out, and solar panels and wind machines are part of the wave of the future and I'm all for it—but not at these 5 locations and especially not the Typha site. The other 4 sites may have a few cows and horses walking by and maybe a few farm houses within eyesite but at the Typha site you are dealing with 100 to 300 people a day that are playing golf. They are out there to enjoy the game of golf and the ambience of the countryside—farmhouses, barns, cows and horses that amble along in the pastureland and crops growing such as timothy hay. They are not there to endure the eyesore of 20,000 solar panels. I am terribly afraid that our play is going to suffer. I just don't know how my clientele will react. Will they keep coming out to my course or will they go elsewhere? This uncertainty weighs on me.

Can we coexist? I suppose we'll have to if you give the ok. To me this proposed solar panel site has overtones of big business pushing the little man/business to the side all in the name of clean energy advancement and big bucks for TUUSSO Energy and the farmers that lease their land. I've had no assurances from EFSEC that they will reimburse me for loss of income from this solar panel location even though I am more than happy to supply them with past financial statements. We know more people are locating to the Kittitas Valley and we know that we are the only golf course near Ellensburg. Our revenues will correspondingly rise. How about a signed guarantee of a 5% rise in revenues per year by you, EFSEC or TUUSSO energy if our expectations are not met? Close to a third of our revenues come from college kids at Central Washington University. They flat out love to play and with that comes some drinking. If you're looking at 20,000 solar panels a few of those kids are going to start launching balls into those panels. I want a written waiver of liability from TUUSSO because it will be impossible for us to monitor this.

I'm 68 years old and I practically live out here. I don't want to be around these panels for the rest of my life. I know darn well they'll just want to keep renewing that lease til the end of time. It makes me sick to think about it. **NO TO SOLAR PANELS ON IRRIGATED LAND AND ESPECIALLY NOT NEXT TO A GOLF COURSE!**

Sincerely,



Keith Crimp, Owner
Ellensburg Golf Club

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