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Hello, my name is Greg Wagner and i live in a small rural farming community known as Goldendale Washington in Klickitat County on the eastside of the state. I formed the group C.E.A.S.E. when I learned by accident the solar companies plan. My home and many others are surrounded by tens of thousands of acres of wheat/alfalfa/hay fields and beautiful views of Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Hood. This will all be destroyed if our county commissioners or efsec allows Invenergy, Nextera, Avangrid and Cypress Creek Renewables to build their proposed solar sites on the 14,000 acres of productive farmland. C.E.A.S.E. members have studied the solar issue at length, and we know the impact to the view is just a small part of the problem with utility solar. Unreliability of electricity generated by solar, no method to dispose or re-cycle solar panels and lithium-ion batteries are just a few of the many problems. We have brought all the true facts about solar to the commissioner's attention and they have ignored them. Our commissioners have told the citizens they are in favor of solar. We know this to be true as they are willing to meet with the solar representatives and they avoid us. They work for the solar corporations for free, but they charge the citizens \$4000.00 when they file an appeal against these solar corporations. Our county does not have any codes or ordinances protecting the environment, wildlife, farmland or the citizens. Farm families are the backbone of America. With more farmland covered by solar panels only make us more dependent on food source from foreign countries. C.E.A.S.E. forced the commissioners to enact a solar

moratorium with intention for them to write/adopt solar ordinances. They spent 3 hours in discussion on if they should keep the moratorium in place never discussing ordinances. They rescinded the moratorium without any findings of facts with county commissioner Sauter stating "lithium-ion batteries do not pose a danger to the people". (Search June 29 Morris Illinois lithium-ion battery fire). Cypress Creek Renewable alone has plans for 10 acres of lithium-ion batteries. 2 acres equals 63 megawatts of stored energy, and they plan 10 acres. These batteries are prone to fires and explosions which will destroy homes, farms, farmland, wildlife, habitat, forest and possibly kill humans.

Electricity generated by solar is intermittent and unreliable. Solar has driven the cost of electricity up to the consumer. The commissioners of our local PUD agree with the solar information that C.E.A.S.E. has presented. The footprint of a solar site to a natural gas plant site is dramatic. The Lund Hill solar site near Bickleton Washington is 1781 acres and is capable of producing 150 megawatts when perfect conditions exist.

In contrast to the PSE natural gas plant in downtown Goldendale, WA. can produce 277 megawatts 24/7/365 no sunshine required. That actual plant is sited on about 13 acres. It employees a large number of local citizens with good paying jobs as opposed to Lund Hill solar. Avangrid the owner admits limited jobs as they cross train their current wind techs to work on solar. The tax subsidies given to solar by DOE is the only reason solar exist. Those subsidies should be re-directed to advancing new technology in the coal, hydro, hydrogen and natural gas industry. Designing and improving exhaust scrubbers or systems to capture and neutralize co2 should be considered. Reliance on solar has been proven to be costly to the grid and citizens who rely on it. Black outs are our future if our electricity is to be supplied from solar. Our future electrical needs cannot be met by solar. Hydro, coal, hydrogen and fossil fuels such as natural gas should be our primary source and renewables such as solar maybe the backup.

Our struggle continues as we battle the four huge solar companies, Washington governor Jay Inslee who pushes his clean energy transformation act and our county commissioners who just want tax revenue. C.E.A.S.E. has asked state representative Gina Mosbrucker for assistance but she refused as her mom/dad, other family members and friends are leasing their farmland to the solar corporations.

C.E.A.S.E. asked state representative Chris Corry for assistance but to date no help. The solar companies are from Sweden, Illinois, Spain, and Florida. None of them care what happens here. They just want money. The governor is pushing solar as long as it is nowhere near his home on exclusive Bainbridge Island. The same island that commissioner of public land Hilary Franz lives on. She is leasing as much state land as possible to solar corporations. Neither's homes are powered 100% by renewables. The capitol is not powered 100% by renewables. Leaders are supposed to lead by example. These do not. Each of them believes utility scale solar is great as long as it is on the eastside of the state far from them. Solar is not the bright reliable future source of electricity that the county commissioners and these two believe. Solar will create more harm than good. Due to the toxins in solar panels and lithium-ion batteries our county will be a superfund cleanup site. This will be county commissioners and Governor Inslee legacy, which will not be something to be proud of.

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Respectfully, Greg Wagner