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7415 SAYLES RD.

SARANAC, MICHIGAN 48881

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Dear Township Board and Planning Commission Members,

I distinctly recall sitting in our yard on a Sunday afternoon in October and meticulously reading the zoning ordinance that provided text in red for all the current amendments which were to be voted on in November, along with strikeouts of all sections that had been altered. Some I read more than once!

In the end, I determined that voting NO would be a very foolish move. I was also concerned that many people would not take the time to do as I did and would instead be taken in by the misinformation being circulated throughout the township. Apparently equating acreage to football fields is a new method of striking fear in the hearts of many! I knew in my heart of hearts that YES voters would be in the majority and such came to pass. Complacency won.

Considering the current membership of the township board and planning commission, it's not clear to me what you hope to accomplish by asking citizens to complete yet another survey. I think the "fix" is already in, however, you will be able to appease your neighbors by at least saying, "we asked."

In the meantime, the state of Michigan has seen fit to "take control." It will be interesting to see where that goes after many attorneys get rich off the spoils.

Do we wish to have a large array of solar panels surround our property – check out our location of 7415 and 7401 Sayles Road – of course not! BUT, we also believe in property rights. Who are we to tell our farming neighbors of many years what they can or cannot do with their land.

The alternative is for large farming parcels to be divided meaning instead of solar panels we create new suburbia's. Solar panels may eventually come down, but it's highly unlikely whole new subdivisions would be eliminated.

In closing, I hope you take the time to read the enclosed Guest View published in the April 20<sup>th</sup> Greenville Daily News. Once again, I've determined that saying "NO" to signing the petition being circulated by "Citizens for Local Choice" is in our best interest.

However, we will never be so naïve as to think that "Big Money" will lose this battle.

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Barbara Trudale

\*Note Due to copyright concerns, we are not enclosing the newspaper article. It can be looked up on the referenced date and newspaper.