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Today, our environment, our landscape, our rural heritage and the quality of our lives are all under threat. France's rural communities and farmlands are being criss-crossed by professional salesmen trained to sell industrial-scale photovoltaic or wind farms. They are looking for farmers and landowners, in return for a tempting rent of course, and local councils willing to accept large industrial developments on their rural, uncultivated and wild land, all in the name of the "energy transition». With a percentage of the taxes to help «lubricate» the local authorities.

The vast majority of these projects will benefit private companies and a few landowners who care little for the impact on **their neighbours, local inhabitants, tourism, the countryside, the environment and our dangerously threatened biodiversity.** **They are all motivated by the money.** They will not be affected by the installations when they wake up every morning - some of which are up to 8m10 high above ground level - because most of them don't live there.

Worse still, these projects will not tackle the most urgent problem - **reducing greenhouse gases and pollution.** In fact, without priority given to french or European made equipment, in the short to medium term they will only make the situation worse, by creating more CO2, together with an overproduction of intermittent* electricity - to enrich the few. This will not help the rural communities that need it most. There is a better way, the «**Movement Mieux**». (Movement for better) * Needs sunshine or wind for any production!

We, the petition signatories :

- **Reject the industrialisation of our countryside** and all industrial-scale energy production on agricultural, uncultivated and wild land, including so-called "agrivoltaic" projects. France needs its farmland to ensure its food independence, particularly as regards cereals and oilseeds. It does not need, and neither does our planet, more 'meat' grazing under the 'shade' of the panels!
- **Insist** that all renewable energy projects be designed for, and accepted locally, for priority local consumption by local residents, whether they be municipal, private, craftsmen or businesses (including continuous production by green hydrogen mini-power plants where appropriate)
- **Demand** that each municipality assess the needs of its population, in both electrical energy **and hot water**, with the help of independent experts and the participation of the population. Then, draw up a local production plan. This must **use only land that has already been developed such as car parks, factories, supermarkets, workshops, municipal buildings, houses and outbuildings, polluted waste/rubbish landfill sites etc.** **Each municipality must then do everything in its power to put this agreed plan into practice.**

This must begin with:

- **Genuine local consultation and participation** leading to a [comprehensive energy-saving programme developed for each commune.](#) Every small step forward leads to big progress.
- **Financial assistance** and individual technical advice for the installation of better thermal insulation, energy saving measures and renewable energy systems - in every building.
- **Setting up** a system of individual and collective production and collective auto-consumption** in each commune, as close as possible to the needs. **Collective auto-production can shield communities from market induced price hikes.** ** *you consume first what your installation produces.*

Defend our rural heritage and planet Earth.

Then we will all be BETTER OFF - without destroying our countryside.