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but that Barren County would have no control over Wood Duck, with them being able to leave the county and landowners with a new entity, along with tangible financial risk.

David Hawkins, who currently resides in Munfordville, Kentucky and has worked for 50 years with connections to Barren County, explained that the financial risk to the county will directly affect people.

Hawkins cited that a study, sponsored by Geenex, that claims there would be no impact on the value of properties nearby, but an independent study revealed the arrival of a solar farm would lead to an approximately 8.7% reduction for homes within the one mile, relative to similar homes further away.

“We find evidence that local housing market activity declines after a solar farm becomes operational,” Hawkins read from the report. “The number of homes sold in the nearby area falls by roughly 6%, suggesting reduced housing liquidity in the vicinity of the new solar facility.”

Hawkins also echoed findings by other speakers that Wood Duck Solar is not a corporation with “decades of local ties,” along with substantial diversified

assets, being known as a “special purpose vehicle or shell corporation,” being created for the sole purpose of creating the solar farm.

David Pedigo spoke at the meeting as well, citing an alternative to the location near farmland and above Mammoth Cave, such as defunct coal mines, or wastelands, that have been contaminated that nothing else can grow there, allowing the lands to once again produce energy.

He cited that his farmland had been getting several offers from solar companies, despite it being used as a farm, and that he would want such projects to move to lands that have limited use and would not be disruptive to communities.

The full meeting can be found online at <https://youtu.be/CWGH2-pS5yE>, or by looking up Wood Duck Solar Glasgow Kentucky into the YouTube search bar.

The next hearing, which is an evidentiary hearing, will be held on October 2, and if anyone wants to send public comments, they can be sent to [psc.comment@ky.gov](mailto:psc.comment@ky.gov), referencing the case number 2024-00337, with their office being at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

## AG Coleman Files Lawsuit Against Chinese Shopping Platform Temu

Office of Attorney General  
Russell Coleman

Attorney General Russell Coleman announced on July 17th, the filing of a lawsuit against Temu, the Chinese online shopping platform, for unlawful data collection, violations of customers’ privacy, and counterfeiting some of Kentucky’s most iconic brands.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in Woodford County Circuit Court, alleging the Temu app is about much more than cheap goods offered at bargain-basement prices.

The complaint alleges that Temu:

- Illegally collects users’ data without their knowledge and consent;
- Allows unfettered access of that data to the Chinese Communist government;
- Steals the intellectual property of U.S.-owned companies, including some of Kentucky’s most iconic brands including the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Buffalo Trace Distillery, and Churchill Downs; and
- Uses forced labor from Chinese ethnic minorities in clear violation of U.S. trade policies.

Temu has risen in popularity to become the most-downloaded mobile app in the U.S. in 2023. According to the lawsuit, those behind the app have used that new-found popularity to collect massive quantities of information about customers, all without their knowledge or consent.

Temu is owned by a multibillion-dollar Chinese holding company, PDD Holdings, whose first retail app, Pinduoduo, was eventually banned from U.S. app stores for being malware. The Temu app shares a significant amount of its code with the original Pinduoduo app and has a documented relationship with the Chinese Communist Party.

In addition to the misuse of Kentuckians’ personal information, the lawsuit says Temu is notorious for all sorts of other consumer fraud, from advertising items that look nothing like the items that eventually arrive, to faking customer reviews, to using consumer payment information to order items the customer never asked for.

The Attorney General’s Division Chief for Consumer and Senior Protection Chris Lewis led the Commonwealth’s effort, along with Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Relief Stephen Humphress and Assistant Attorney General Lyndsey Antos.


Read the Attorney General’s complaint go to: <https://www.ag.ky.gov/Press%20Release%20Attachments/2025.07.17%20ACCEPTED%20Temu%20Complaint%20Kentucky.pdf>

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