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RE: PUCO # 07-0171-EL-BTK

Dear Governor Strickland:

This letter is written to express the opinion of my wife and I on the 138 kV Transmission Line along S.R.528 in eastern Geauga County.

My family has been farming on S.R.528 for nearly a century. The 100-acre tract would have a huge negative impact from the lines going right through its middle. My brother, Michael, now owns this property and ekes out a marginal living so that even a small impact would adversely affect his income greatly. We would call him "land rich and money poor". Counting on this property to provide for his retirement years would take a negative hit from these lines. If you don't think so --- you buy the property now and sell it after the lines are established! I'm sure you won't make that deal!

The productivity, and, therefore, profitability of the farm will be adversely affected by the construction of these lines through his fields due to soil compaction and water drainage disruption caused by the large equipment needed to erect the lines. Plus, large equipment can come on the property in perpetuity.

We are assuming CEI has projected future need due to population increase. It has been my experience since being on the local school board that their projections have been wrong. Our school enrollment has changed very little in the last 20 years. Also, much of any possible population projections for Huntsburg and Middlefield would include the Amish who do not use electricity.

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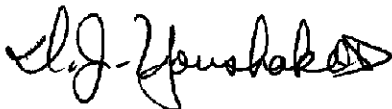
We believe there are established corridors that would have less impact and cause less disruption. The old railroad right-of-way (and current bicycle path) would have much less adverse impact on private property owners as would a Route 11 corridor.

It seems that almost everything is taken into consideration (wetlands, plants, animals) except people and their investment in their property and life style.

I have served on our local school board for 22 years and my wife has served on Village Council for 8 years. We have always tried to make reasonable decisions. We believe there are more reasonable corridors than through the middle of properties along Route 528.

Thank you for your attention to this problem.

Sincerely,



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