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Dear Representative Driehaus,

By this letter, I hereby state for the record my objection, in the strongest possible terms, to the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX, as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation and as currently under review by the Ohio Power Siting Board. I am asking for your assistance in securing workable modifications to the project to overcome the devastating adverse effects that it would have on my neighbor's property.

My name is Sara Guren, part owner of a beautiful parcel of land in Huntsburg at 11530 Madison Rd. in eastern Geauga County. My property is home of the Hershey Montessori Farm School that sits directly across from Mike Youshak's farm on Route 528 which will be directly affected by the Transmission Line Project.

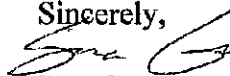
The power line corridor proposed by CEI would damage my neighbor's property in many severe, unrecoverable ways. This damage is fundamentally a consequence of CEI's creation of a new utility corridor through absolutely virgin, unspoiled land. As a direct consequence of this utility project Mike will lose his livelihood. Due to the need for a 60 ft. clearance from the transmission lines, our neighbor will no longer be able to farm his land with anywhere near its intended crop yield. A farm that has been in his family for generations will lose its value with the completion of this project forcing Mike, after a lifetime of work, to let the largest part of his fields to go to waste.

Based on the extremely adverse effects that Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation would have on my neighbor's land and health, and the unavailability of any reasonable way to compensate for those adverse effects, I am forced to conclude that the project as proposed is unacceptable.

There are, however, *acceptable* locations for the proposed transmission line. Pre-existing civil corridors, such as highway and rail corridors, exist that could be used for the proposed transmission line. Why not use Route 11? This offers First Energy the solution it needs - to get more power to Middlefield - while not ruining pristine farmland, wetlands, and the livelihood of farmers. The solution is this easy. I implore you to look at the human aspect of this proposal and do the right thing. Pick a non-destructive route that allows everyone to get what they want and need.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my argument overwhelmingly against the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy. As a citizen, voter, and land owner in eastern Geauga County and the state of Ohio I am counting on you to help my friend Mike and the other farmers. I look forward to your support of an outcome from the Ohio Power Siting Board process that favors the future of mine and my neighbor's land, family, lifestyle, and the cherished unspoiled rural countryside that is Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg townships.

Sincerely,


Sara Guren

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