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Hon. Alan R. Schriber, Chairman Public Utilities Commission Of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Schriber & Members Of The Public Utilities Commission Of Ohio:

As an officer, director and owner of the Chardon Lakes Golf Course, Inc., which is located immediately adjacent to the proposed Geauga Highlands Trail route for the high voltage transmission lines, I am writing to express our deep concern and opposition to said placement.

From a purely personal standpoint, placement of said line will have a very negative impact upon the value and aesthetics of Chardon Lakes Golf Course property, which property is a haven of green space surrounded by residential communities on its east, west and north sides and by the Geauga Park District's Bass Lake Preserve on its southerly boundary. Chardon Lakes Golf Course is a public course which provides a quiet haven for thousands of golfers each year. Chardon Lakes Golf Course prides itself on maintaining its natural surroundings and preserving the beauty of its grounds.

The proposed line through the City Of Chardon would dissect one of the most heavily populated if not the most heavily populated areas of Geauga County while the alternate route and the preferred route, both located in easterly rural Geauga County would not pass through any heavily populated areas.

Additionally, we believe that the imposition of this line upon this area of the City Of Chardon and of Geauga County would trespass upon the rights of all Geauga County residents to use the public lands and parks created by, funded by and used by the general public.

While it is relatively certain that no one prefers to have the line close to their property, placement of the line at either the preferred or alternate route in eastern Geauga County would have a smaller impact on a fewer number of people.

 Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

CHARDON LAKES GOLF COURSE, INC.

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