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Dear Governor Strickland,

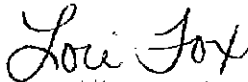
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I am a resident of Burlington Oval in Chardon Ohio. I am writing this letter to express my concern regarding the proposed construction of high voltage transmission lines over the maple highlands trail and through the city. As a resident of Chardon and property owner next to the proposed site and frequent user of the bike path, I am in opposition to this proposal. Although representatives from the power companies feel there is no direct risk to residents living in areas affected by high voltage power lines, I disagree and feel evidenced based medical literature may suggest differently. As a healthcare professional, I have great concern about my health in relation to these power lines. I feel they also pose risk with regard to being placed in public areas frequented by children and families. In addition, they are very unsightly and destroy the beautiful and peaceful landscape of the area as well as significantly impact the value for us as property owners.

As a consumer of electricity, I recognize that power lines have to be placed somewhere in order for all of us to receive service, however, I believe going through a housing development and area that is supposed to be dedicated for residents and families to enjoy is inappropriate and other solutions should be evaluated. There has to be some rural areas which are not frequently inhabited in this way to use as alternate routes. I moved to Chardon and made a decision to commute 80 miles round trip to work each day, specifically for the beauty of the environment around me and access to wonderful park systems. It would be a shame to see that destroyed for myself and future potential residents. We need to allow this community to continue to grow and thrive and if this proposal goes through, we stand to significantly impact interest in moving to our community. I for one, would not and chose not to purchase a home in an area that had high voltage power lines running through it and am sure others would feel the same. Please keep our community the beautiful and safe place it was intended to be.

I appreciate your time in reading this and hope you will take these concerns under careful consideration.

Sincerely,



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