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To whom it may concern:

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We are writing to express our feelings about the cross-country transmission line that First Energy has proposed. It is not understood why First Energy would be allowed to cut through the middle of our property, most of which is being used for agriculture purposes. There are already pre-existing corridors First Energy could use, that would affect fewer families and cause much less destruction of the land. There isn't a lot of land left to grow food for our nation. First Energy is saying we can still use the land, with the price of seed, fertilizer, and everything else that it takes to grow a crop who is going to take a chance of planting and then having it destroyed either by First Energy, an ATV, snowmobile, or any thing else, since they will have a 15 mile open freeway. As property owners, we have ensured all the cleared land has been farmed and not allowed to grow up to scrub. Now we will have at least a 60 foot wide swath of scrub. Since farming is the number one industry in Geauga County, First Energy would be taking land from the number one industry to help other industries. How can this be justified reducing our primary (and still growing) occupation to aid those who work in factories?

On our property there is a small spring fed stream, it flows all year long, that First Energy has proposed to cut through. This will destroy the water supply required by the wildlife. Around the stream, there are many deer, turkey and other animal tracks providing proof the animals use it as a water supply. It is so exciting to watch a flock of turkeys or a herd of deer in the field. The snowshoe hare, which is a protected species, have also been let go in our area. Where is the wildlife going to go during the construction? When the field was plowed and planted with oats in the spring, we didn't see the wild turkeys in the field for four days. Previous to the plowing, we saw them a couple of times a day for a couple of months. What will the constant noise for at least a couple of months do? Especially in the spring which is the birthing period for all wildlife.

First Energy didn't use the Rachael line when it was approved 10 years ago, because there wasn't a need for more electricity seen in the future. Is that the same case now? Yes, there are more homes being built in Eastern Geauga County, but how many are Amish and don't use electricity? The industries have come and gone, so how much electric is really needed now? The factories think more electric is going to stop all there down time, but you're still going to have storms, accidents, and faulty equipment causing the stoppage of electricity. We would like to know how much of the losses the companies are saying they have would be changed by more electricity or would just equipment updates by First Energy solve the problem?

Why is First Energy still doing field studies now? They did an agricultural one earlier in the spring on our property, which is in Agriculture District. We don't understand why this study was required; it is obvious there had been corn in the one field and hay in the other one. Now First Energy is doing an Indiana Bat study on other properties in our area.

Living on the top of a hill, we have a beautiful view to the East. The sun rises are beautiful and will be ruined by electric poles. First Energy told us the poles will blend in with the trees. How can 80 foot poles blend in with the trees that might be 50 feet tall? If

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you stand where the transmission line is proposed and look towards the road, you can see the poles at the road and they aren't near 80 feet tall.

Please take our concerns into consideration when making the decision on whether to grant First Energy the cross country proposal.

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