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Hon. Alan R. Schriber, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
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**DUPLICATE LETTER**

RE: Opposition to Proposed Utility Line along the Maple Highlands Trail and through the City of Chardon

Dear Governor Strickland and Mr. Schriber:

As a resident of the City of Chardon, I oppose the proposed route of 138 kV electrical transmission lines through the City of Chardon and along the Maple Highlands Bike Trail. No property owner wants a high voltage electrical transmission line on or near his or her property. Of the three routes proposed, the Maple Highlands Trail/Chardon Route is the least desirable for the following reasons:

- The Maple Highlands Trail is a public park. The public parks are held in trust and should be developed only in a manner that is consistent with their public use.
- The "preferred route" or "alternate route" would be built in rural areas and primarily through fields.
- The City of Chardon is the most densely populated and heavily traveled area in Geauga County.
- A high voltage transmission line through the City of Chardon is not appropriate due to the density of residential, commercial and industrial uses.
- The rights of all Geauga County residents to use public lands and parks should take precedence over the rights of a few private property owners who will be compensated for the use of their land.
- A policy favoring utility facilities, including high voltage transmission lines, through parks and municipalities with more people and intense land uses is a flawed policy.
- The "not in my backyard" philosophy of private land owners in eastern Geauga County should not override the better public policy of locating the transmission lines in an area which has the least impact on the fewest people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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