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Grace and I bought our 108 acres of paradise in Logan Co. in 1993. For several years we searched for hill property in Southern Ohio. However, Southern Ohio didn't offer much in the way of jobs, shopping, airports, etc., so we loss interest there.

Then we saw an ad in the Columbus Dispatch offering 108 acres for sale in Jefferson Township, Logan Co. OH. It seemed like a great spot with the scenic hill country we like: airports at Columbus and Dayton within an hour's drive; shopping, hospitals, jobs, entertainment, etc. even closer.

Quickly, we checked local zoning and found no plans for major highway construction except for Rts. 33 and 68. Property for commercial projects was clearly identified mostly near Honda with remaining land in Jefferson Township zoned for agricultural use or residential. It seemed as perfect as we could expect so we made the deal to buy our property.

Our property was very rough – long abandoned, actually – but we went to work making improvements and finally built our home in 1998. Other families moved here over the years but our township has remained quiet, peaceful, and is still beautiful. Many of our neighbors are dear friends and we like it here.

Now we are on the verge of losing this special environment to the development of commercial Wind Turbine "Farms" on all of our hills. Our zoning commission, made up of individuals friendly or even related to the few 'hill farmers' who have signed wind company lease agreements, passed the most minimal of set-backs for the siting of massive turbines.

It seems that the only consideration for setbacks was to establish zoning lax enough to allow enough turbines to make the project worthwhile for wind companies – so those companies could collect maximum subsidies at the expense of taxpayers.

Setbacks not even measured from property lines!

Because hill farms are relatively small, setbacks had to be at a minimum to accommodate as many industrial turbines as possible.

No consideration was given for the desires, health, safety, welfare, property rights, etc. for the majority of the 79/square mile family homeowners here.

But the ball is now in your court, OPSB. It's up to you to develop setbacks and standards that will protect citizens in this intensively populated rural residential township in NW Ohio.

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There is currently no 'big wind development' in the US in an area this populated by families, schools, businesses, and recreational attractions.

We are confused about whether or not wind turbines operating in Logan County will do anything to solve our energy problems. Our local electric company, Logan Rural Electric Cooperative, says the intermittent wind across our hills will not support efficient generation of electricity from wind turbines. About all they say for sure is much higher electric bills for we consumers – statewide.

There is a flow daily of studies, papers, documents from US experts in energy technology, engineering, science and health pointing out the inefficiencies and high cost in many ways of Wind Energy.

We hope you clearly understand the pros and cons of building commercial wind installations here in Logan County.

We hope you know that massive wind installations will not negatively impact the health of children, pregnant women, those with infirmities like epilepsy or vertigo.

We hope you know that wind turbines will not damage our pets and native wildlife like deer, hawks, turkey, waterfowl, bats, etc.

We hope you know that wind turbine installations won't reduce property values or slow the growth of property values because many families can only accumulate wealth from rising home/property values.

We hope you know the setbacks you design won't have negative impacts on owners' rights – future structures, selling of lots, rural business facilities.

We hope you know we'll have no noise intrusion inside or outside our homes; no blade shadow or flicker in our homes or elsewhere on our properties.

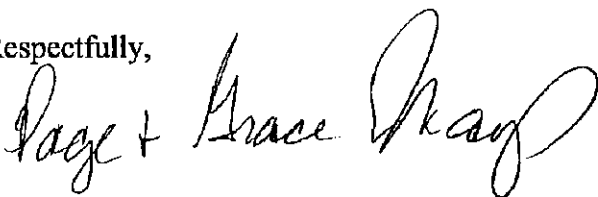
We hope your turbine sightings will continue to allow 78 out of us 79 home owners/sq. mile to make maximum use of our properties in the future.

We hope you know that once our ridges, hills and valleys are arrayed with 500' turbines, you have significantly changed our environment.

We hope you know what is right for the majority of families here.

We appreciate your responses to our concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Page & Grace Mays". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

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