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Re: FirstEnergy's proposed 138kv Transmission Line in Geauga County

Dear Governor Strickland,

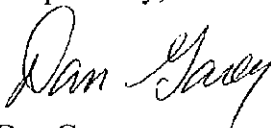
My name is Dan Garey and I live at 15787 Thompson Rd. Thompson, Ohio, 44086. I'm writing to protest both the preferred route (east of Rt. 528) and the alternate route on Clay St.

I'm protesting these possibilities because of economic issues. Very simply, the property values in areas will go down. Studies conducted by both the Edison Electric Institute and the Journal of Real Estate Research concluded that property values generally decrease between 10 and 20 percent.

We know additional power is needed for businesses in Middlefield, Ohio. Yet, FirstEnergy is recommending routes that will damage another set of businesses (small family owned farms) to benefit the larger corporations in Middlefield.

The answer to this issue seems pretty simple. Put the lines where a civil corridor already exists. That way the property owners along that corridor will not be adversely impacted as they have already absorbed property devaluation from the existing corridor.

Respectfully,



Dan Garey

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