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Dear Staff of the Ohio Power Sitting Board,

I am writing this letter in regard to the Case No. 08-666-EL-BGN, Buckeye Wind, LLC. My family and I are against installing the turbines in or around the Champaign County area. The best thing about living in Urbana for the past 49 years is that it is a beautiful, creative, active, friendly, agricultural community. Close enough to visit the bigger cities of Columbus, and Dayton, but small enough to live and thrive in. It's a growing community.

These huge turbines in our opinion may inhibit and quite possibly stop the expansion and growth in this area. Safety wise what business or residence will want or be able to move anywhere near these turbines? From our own investigation we find these turbines should be placed in remote lesser populated areas.

On a personal note, my husband, two sons, and I with our extended families have enjoyed thousands of beautiful sunrises and sunsets right from our own property. The absolute best thing about living in the country is the sound of blissful silence. Silence. . . needed for a great nights sleep and the sheer delight from the rustling of the leaves of corn in the fields, birds in the trees, even the hum from the wings of a humming bird during the daylight may all too soon become drowned out. We have quite a few ponds in the area and we're concerned about the birds. There is a private airport nearby, and the local airport in town which is trying to increase its business with local industry. The newly acquired med-flight helicopter may not be fully used once the turbines are in place. Large areas will become inaccessible. At the intersection of Three Mile Road and Route 29 there have been numerous accidents throughout the years. The helicopter will no longer be able to land there. At night even with lights on the turbines, they will not be fully discernable for the pilot who is not familiar with the area. The night sky has been so clear without light pollution, and we love to watch the stars, meteor showers and planets, the lights on the turbines may very well change the nighttime viewing we've been used to. We've known about the Indian Mound at the end of our road for years and have always respected and protected that area, it seems so disrespectful to have so many turbines located around the mound.

It has been quite a shock and hard to believe to see that some of our neighbors and outsiders have decided to install these huge turbines. There is not a fence high enough or a sound barrier thick enough to block the view or noise. Our quality of life will never be the same. How has it suddenly become okay that the benefit for the few out way the benefit for the many? The disturbing items we found on several web sights have really made us stop and wonder why anyone would even think to put these turbines so close to a community. The flickering and strobing effect will be quite distracting. Physically, effects from the constant noise and vibrations may become a major health issue as well, not just on us, but on the animals. It is not wise to install these turbines in and around an existing community. Please consider our feelings and concerns, our personal rights and freedoms need to be protected too.

Sincerely,

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