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To Ohio Power Siting Board

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First of all I would like you to know that I am not against wind turbines in safe settings. I read an article about a recent wind industry that started operations in Maine. According to the article the turbines are in remote areas of Maine. The article referred to the remote area of a Maine Mountain Range several times. The pictures reflected as much, no homes or barns were in view in any of the pictures. I believe that these turbines should be located in an area with little or no human habitation. I also read another article about wind turbines in Indiana, their turbines are approximately half the size of the turbines that are proposed for our highly developed residential area here in Champaign County. The turbines in Indiana are also located on hundreds of acres of farmland and little, if any housing. My point is this, wind turbines belong in remote areas, not rural areas. **REMOTE** being the key word. The east side of Champaign is in no way a remote area, it is highly populated.

Some of our many concerns.

1. The loss of quiet. We live in a small housing addition off of Ludlow Rd, between E. State Route 29 and East US Highway 36. If Buckeye Wind takes over the east side of Champaign County, which it appears they are trying their best to do, we will be surrounded by the monstrous turbines. We will never, and I repeat **never** be able to sit on our porch or patio again and enjoy a quiet evening. Instead we will hear a minimum of a projected 34 decimal increase in the noise factor at our home, that projection came from Everpower themselves. They even said that was the minimum increase, they did not mention the maximum decimal increase, which even more is frightening. We will never be able to open our windows on spring or autumn days or nights to enjoy a gentle breeze or a breathe of fresh air. The noise will be ever present, day after day, night after night, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, month after month, year after year. Please put yourselves in our place, think of your own tranquility when you go home after a days work.
2. We have worked for many years, we have a home and shop (pole barn) that we love. We have lived at this same address since 1971. The property has some value, although with the difficult economic times, probably not as valuable as say The point is, if Buckeye Wind is allowed to Follow through with this proposed atrocity, our property, along with all the other homes in our area will depreciate and be virtually unsellable. I have already asked the county commissioners if our property taxes will go down, I could not get an answer, which of course means **NO**.

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3. The physical beauty that we are so accustomed to will be gone forever. We will never be able to see a sunrise or a sunset, well that is not entirely correct, we will be able to see the sunrise and the sunset if we do not mind trying to catch a glimmer of it through the constant whirl of gigantic turbine blades. The deer, the birds, the chicken hawks, will never make us smile, we will never be able to savor their beauty ever again. According to a study by Dayton Power and Light Co., wind power has a negative impact on Wildlife. What the noise does not drive away (for example deer), the blades will kill (that would be the birds).
4. The rather harmonious rural area that we used to have is no longer harmonious. Folks are getting into verbal, loud arguments, all thanks to EverPower. The signs in people's yards that want the wind turbines seem to stay in place. But the signs protesting the wind turbines are being stolen with regularity. Stealing is against the law, at least the last I heard it way, but then times are definitely changing, and not for the better.

My question for you, the OHIO POWER SITING BOARD: How can so few land owners be allowed to change to lives of so many? **MANY** of the land owners do not even live in Champaign County, and yet because of nothing more that greed they have control over my quality of life, they obviously do not care, so I am asking you to care. The majority of the land owners that have signed on will never admit it, but this is nothing more that a chance for them to make some big bucks. I don't care how much money they make, as long as it does not affect the quality of my life, these proposed wind turbines will without a doubt affect everyone that lives in the area.

According to Dayton Power and Light, Solar Power has no significant impact on anything, why don't these land owners that want to save our planet turn to Solar Power, the sun is always there even if clouds cover it at times.

One last thing. People that live in western Champaign County or even in the city of Urbana should have absolutely no say in this wind power thing at all. It really does not affect them at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I pray that before you make any decisions that you will put yourselves in our place

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