

To: *Ohio Power Siting Board*

*18-0488-EL-BGN*

David & Joann Graham  
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From:

*David & Joann Graham*

*NO Wind Farms*

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Please oppose reducing the setback for wind turbines in Ohio. I ask you to oppose SB 238 and SB 188. I also ask that you oppose any amendment to legislation that would reduce the current setback regulations in Ohio.

It is wrong to put the burden on non-participating property owners to educate their neighbors in a vote to protect the parks, schools, roadways and homes in Ohio from dangerous and unconstitutional zoning laws. We would no doubt be up against a massive disinformation campaign by a billion dollar industry bent on stealing the wealth of our area. But if it has to come to a vote it is my firm opinion that only Townships in Ohio directly within any proposed wind turbine project area should be able to vote for/against these said projects. It is only fair that residents who are stakeholders in the affected areas of disruption should be allowed to vote. Townships that would not be in a proposed wind project area should not be allowed to vote. Any setback legislation should include the recommended safety setback as stated in the safety manual for the specified turbine. Safety recommendations are NEVER proprietary information and should be public knowledge.

I also request your assistance in any way to prevent the Seneca Wind LLC (Docket # 18-0488-EL-BGN) from building in Seneca County.

It is my understanding that most of the wind turbines being proposed in Ohio are a costly ineffective source of energy and a waste of tax payer incentives. The 574 foot turbines proposed for our county could alter the natural flow of water due to the numerous sinkholes/karst flooding in our area and underground rivers. The ground will need to be blasted to secure these structures. Ground water contamination has occurred in other locations where industrial turbines have been installed with a similar geology.

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These turbines will strain the bat population which is already on decline. The bat which is one of the few creatures we have lowering nuisance insect populations such as mosquitos naturally. There is significant data indicating that property values decline significantly on average for homes within the proximity of these industrial turbines. Even at the current setback the noise pollution from these turbines will be significant and audible for over a mile away. I understand that some residents have experienced health issues from the infra-sound associated with these turbines.

It is my understanding that the wind industry is lobbying hard in Ohio to reduce the setback in order to allow these machines to be placed closer to roads, parks, schools and homes where their debris fields, noise and flickering shadow could be not only disruptive but dangerous. It would be especially unfortunate if a person with special needs, seizures or persons wearing hearing aides were in a nearby structure.

It seems unfathomable that in this day and age that the designs of wind turbines proposed for our great state would be so hideous, harmful and noxious to beautiful rural settings. As the technology advances in other forms of energy these massive industrial wind turbines will be seen in the future as a huge arcaic mistake and a scar on the land for future generations

Sincerely,

*Joann R Graham*



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Tue, May 1, 2018 at 7:31 AM

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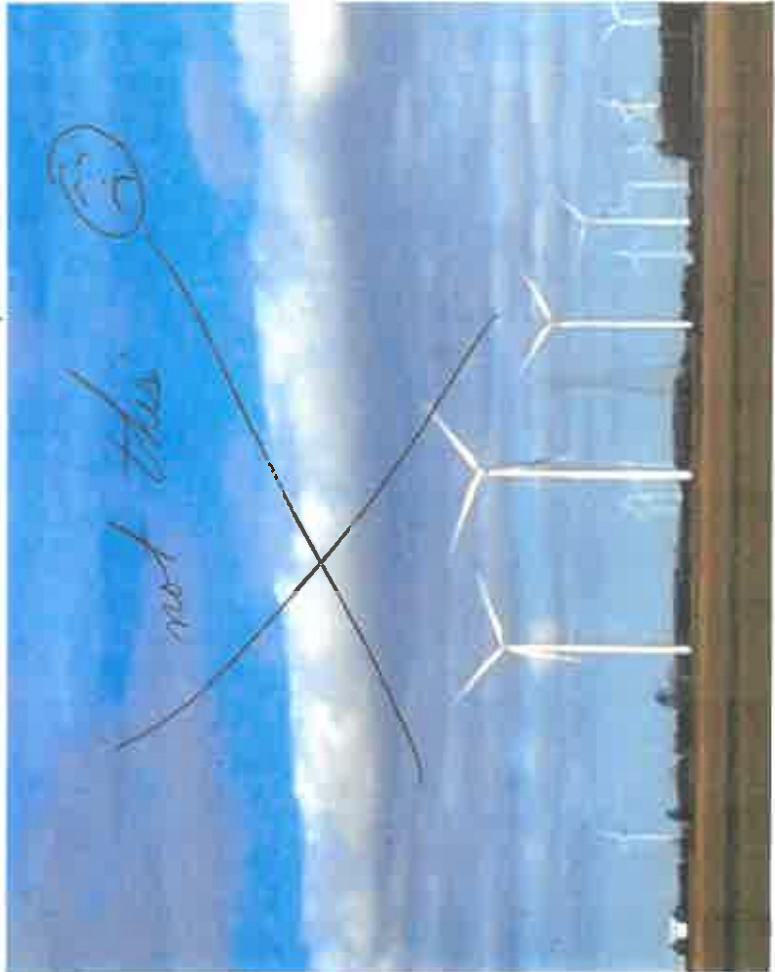
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*I spoke to Matt Butler on 5-4-18*

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It is my understanding that the wind industry is lobbying hard in Ohio to change the setback in order to allow these structures to be placed closer to parks, schools, wetlands, nature preserves, roadways and homes where their ice throws, noise and flickering shadow can not only be disruptive but dangerous. Surrounding states have much longer setbacks to ensure public safety. We have numerous buzzards, hawks, cranes, and even eagles in this area. What happens when that massive turbine throws one of those buzzards onto a park where our children are playing or through a school bus window? Placing these massive machines so close to roadways is a serious public hazard, much like a bridge falling into disrepair under which motorists pass under every day. Even a bat could cause serious injury to a pedestrian hit from nearly 600 ft. in the air. Please consider the following data concerning the distance the turbines can throw debris. **Ice Throws:** at 300 Ft. Turbine can throw ice 1700 ft.

<http://xray.ruigers.edu/~matilsky/windmills/throw.html>

It would be especially unfortunate if a person with special needs, seizures, or persons wearing hearing aides were in the nearby structures or parks.

This project not only lacks any regard for public safety but is dangerous. Any "billions of dollars" that the state/county hopes to gain will be lost in litigation over the obvious disregard for safety in planning such projects in densely populated areas like Seneca County. Even if the State further reduces the setback, litigation will follow as surrounding states have already established setbacks for safety that Ohio is willfully ignoring.

As the technology advances in other forms of energy, these industrial wind turbines will be seen in the future as a massive mistake. Our community leaders have been blinded to planning and foresight in an attempt to greedily grab taxpayer money.

Sincerely,

*Joann Graham*

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