

Chris Zeman

Please accept into the records that my family and I are OPPOSED to the Republic Wind project, 17-2295-EL-BGN, located within Seneca and Sandusky Counties. Apex Clean Energy has failed to perform adequate studies of sound, audible and inaudible, including "infra-sound", wildlife, and view-shed. Some maps lack sufficient information or are unreadable. Bird and bat studies lack sufficient and recent data. The proximity of our area to Lake Erie makes it a prime location for migratory birds and bats- many of which most likely fall under federal protection status. In addition, the growing Bald Eagle population continues to multiply throughout our area and appears to be nothing more than an afterthought by the Developer. The Indiana Brown Bat has also admittedly sought refuge in our area and will fall prey to the Developers turbine blades. The geology of Seneca County is also unique in that the Utica Shale formation extends into portions of the County where the Developer has sought to construct their turbines, in addition, Karst formations abound in the project area and appear to have been overlooked by the Developer. These formations are fragile and disruption of the ground through turbine construction could cause serious issues involving sink holes, drainage, damage to water wells, etc. The long term affects of this project are unknown: Has the Board requested the Developer to show financial responsibility? Who are the investors and how much "liquid cash" is actually available? Does the Developer plan on seeing this project through and up to and including decommissioning? What if anything is done with one or more derelict turbines in the project prior to full decommissioning? Will the developer consider safety by providing everyone within the project footprint a "hotline" number for problems? What plans does the Developer have for "Life-Flight"- will they provide designated landing areas? Non-participating farmers- has the Developer considered their needs for maintaining their farmland? Aerial crop dusters may be unable to spray these individuals' farms if a neighboring farm contains a turbine. With that said, one of the three proposed turbines is listed to reach heights of 591'. These will most likely be the tallest in the State of Ohio and will require special review. The Developer thus seeks to install these monstrosities up against non-participating parcels, many of which contain homes, in order to maximize the use of a limited amount of available land in an already heavily populated rural area. The Board needs to, without any doubt, review ALL

of the Developers documents and in the event of uncertainty, forward these documents to an INDEPENDENT research facility for a peer reviewed study. The Board has a responsibility to protect the residents that reside in this project, like ALL wind projects, to the highest of standards. With this being said, the safety and security of ANY resident shall not be compromised and our Constitutional Rights to our properties shall not be infringed upon. Thank you, Chris Zeman

One of the most important investments we can make is our children. Our kids deserve a high-quality education, and having good schools with adequate resources are pillars to success. That's why I support Republic Wind (case number: 17-2295-EL-BGN). Unfortunately, one of the biggest challenges our schools face is insufficient funding. Luckily, our county has the opportunity right now to get a new, dedicated stream of revenue from the Republic Wind farm. When completed, Republic Wind will deliver about \$36 million to local schools. These resources could be used to hire more teachers, update our equipment, or help fund new facilities. This is a tremendous opportunity for our community. I ask that members of the Ohio Power Siting Board support Republic Wind and support our local schools.

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