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My name is Sharon Schreiner, I am a resident of Groton Township.

I am writing this letter to explain my firsthand experience about the public information and education provided to the residents of the Emerson Creek Wind Project provided by APEX. When APEX spoke, it was always in generalities that were often confusing and misleading. My husband and I are adjacent landowners to the project. We only own 10.5 acres. Unless you were a land owner of an area large enough to house a turbine you were not given specific information.

Our first knowledge of the Emerson Creek wind project was in the form of a letter from Dickinson Wright, Attorney for Firelands Wind, LLC, informing us of a Nov. 15 public information meeting. The letter was dated October 25, 2018. We did not receive it until after Nov 6, 2018. I am positive of the time frame because I went into the hospital for a hip replacement on Nov 6 and no letter had yet arrived. I was particularly diligent at having everything in order prior to the surgery.

On November 9, I was in a rehabilitation facility. My husband brought me the letter from the attorney. I was not able to attend the meeting but my husband went and brought back his concern and misgivings about what was going on. He was particularly concerned that the engineer present at the meeting could not answer his questions. My husband is a respected engineer and has been in the electric generation business for 42 years. Our most significant questions were concerning the Geotechnical, Groundwater and Hydrogeological impacts of the project. We live on an aquifer, near the Blue Hole in Castalia. We have well, a spring and a sinkhole on our property. He was directed to a specific person that should have been able to answer our questions since he was a civil engineer. That person did not have answers, but stated that he would get back to us. After several phone calls and lots of frustration we were told we would have to wait until the application was submitted and we could read the report. The report is over 5362 pages long, daunting, but not to my husband. Being concerned and not wanting to wait he began to read the application that was submitted for the Republic Wind project, since that was also an APEX project and was the only available information at that time.

We went to the Apex office in Bellevue to see what we could learn after my release from rehab. We particularly wanted a map of the turbine siting locations. They did not have siting maps hand out at the Nov 15 meeting. They did not have them at the office in Bellevue either. We were told they do not distribute them because the project is subject to change. That could have been handled by a little note on the map stating the publication date and revision #.

We were warmly greeted and talked with a representative for almost an hour. I was not yet against the project. I am all for clean energy, saving our planet. There was a large area Map on an easel with turbine locations and we were allowed to take pictures of it in sections with our cell phones.

That night we learned that our neighbors were lease holders! How could we not know this!!! Because of the gag orders!!! This information was so incredible that we couldn't believe it. But it was true, they had signed that lease 9 years prior, but the landowner had died the previous year so now What?? If this was such a good thing why Gag orders? Why

can't people talk about it? Big red flags went up!!! That was mid December 2018. Apex had been actively working in our area for 9 years and we knew nothing. NOTHING!!!!. We had to get educated fast. They had an awfully big head start.

That began our quest for information. We began with trustee meetings discovering that the Oxford and Groton trustees first encounter with apex was on October 4th. With the primary part of that discussion focused on the endorsement of the PILOT. We began attending every Groton Township meeting. On Dec 19, 2018, a group of concerned citizens, with the help of our Groton Township trustees, organized an informational meeting scheduled prior to a regular township business meeting. The turnout was standing room only. Almost all in attendance had relatively little if any information on the project. The trustees were unprepared to answer questions. The Residents were very angry because they had no knowledge of the project until a few people took it on their own to organize. Most heard by word of mouth just hours prior to the meeting. The Oxford township trustees followed suit and hosted their own informational meeting.

I believe that Apex not yet spoken to the Erie county commissioners at this time.

I began attending the Huron County commissioners regularly starting in January. APEX was always there with a presentation regarding the PILOT. They were always pushing for the PILOT. The Huron County commissioners were told weekly by APEX that they had to do a PILOT if they wanted a RUMA. Otherwise, the roads would not get repaired. Speakers only had 3 minutes to speak and there was never an allotment of time for

questions. On Feb 26th, 2019, the Erie County commissioners responded to the needs of their local residents by hosting an informational meeting at the Bellevue Elementary school.

Again, it was standing room only. It is estimated that there were approximately 320 to 350 in attendance. Concerned citizens reached out to the county auditors for tax vs pilot revenue comparisons. The County Engineers were consulted. The meeting was conducted in a normal commissioner meeting style, allowing anyone wanting to speak 2.5 minutes. APEX was allotted 10 minutes to do a presentation. The meeting was orderly and well received. Of the 20 or so people that chose to speak only one gentleman was pro wind. At the end of the meeting the commissioners chose to vote on the PILOT. It was unanimously rejected. The vote was received with a standing ovation by the residents in attendance.

In conclusion – APEX has claimed that they have been educating and informing the public with respect to the Emerson Creek Wind project. My experience would serve to show that is not true. Lease holders are under gag orders. Information that is presented by APEX often results in more questions than answers. Too many times we have heard, “I don’t know.” I started out with a favorable view on wind energy. The more I looked into wind energy the more I am against it. It is not a technology that can be scaled up to be able to stand on its own.

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Please note that I, a resident of Sherman Township where the industrial wind turbines will be, am firmly against the Emerson Creek Wind Farm. I ask of Power Siting Board to take my and many other people's stance on Emerson Creek Wind Farm into consideration when making the decision that has the power to either keep my life and property value the same or can drastically change it for the worst.

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