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As a resident of Sherman Township, Huron County, Ohio, where a portion of the proposed Emerson Creek Wind Farm could potentially be located, I have a question...or two... When my family moved to this area about 10 years ago, it was with the understanding that Sherman Township was zoned. We were agreeable to abide by the regulations and relieved to be in an area that would not become industrial in nature. That was important to us because we plan to live here for the rest of our lives, if at all possible. Now, however, we are faced with the prospect of 60+ industrial wind turbines, 665 feet high, invading our rural area. How does this happen in a zoned township? Why is Apex (and other companies) not held to the same restrictions/regulations as the citizens? Are they somehow granted immunity in this? If so, by whom? In exchange for what? I certainly do not recall being given an opportunity, as a resident, to waive this condition for any 'energy' company. I have read how the local school systems are being wooed with the prospect of additional revenue. However, I recently learned from another school system in the state that because they are receiving money from the wind farm in their area, they also receive LESS monies from the government. The trade off is hardly worth the aggravation to fill out all the paperwork! Additionally, in close proximity to our home (as in can be seen from our driveway) are two places of worship that are quite significant. One is the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, established in 1850, covering over 150 acres of woodlands, with walking paths, grottoes, and a large outdoor chapel where liturgies are held. People from all over the country and from around the world are visitors to this sacred place to worship and to be restored in the peaceful surroundings. The other is St. Gaspar parish, a Catholic church and its adjacent St. Michael's cemetery. It is heartbreaking to me to imagine this holy ground being overshadowed by hulking behemoths that destroy the very 'green' places they claim to support. Fortunately, the county commissioners have rejected the PILOT plan that Apex was requesting, recognizing the reduction in the amount of revenue, as well as the unreliability of it continuing once the turbines prove to be far less effective than promised, are not maintained, or are simply sitting idle as are the few independent windmills in the area that have been attempted. The few in our area could scarcely be called 'windmills' - more aptly, permanent monuments to temporary foolishness. Has a date been set for the Siting Board's decision on whether or not this project will move forward? I urge the board - no, I beseech the board - please do not allow this folly to destroy our homes, our land, our churches!!! Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on this.

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