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Subject: Opposition to 2 Pending Cases (and 1 Case recently withdrawn by the Applicant)

My name is Jan Sampson. I live in Seneca County. My address is 6305 S. Township Road 151, Tiffin, Ohio 44883. I can be reached at 419-447-0512 or via return email to jsamps0318@yahoo.com

I am writing to state my opposition to the Republic Wind Project in Seneca County, Case No. 17-2295.

I also oppose Emerson Creek Wind Project proposed for Erie & Huron Counties.

Although the OPSB recently accepted Seneca Wind, LLC's application to withdraw their plans for Seneca Wind in Seneca County, Case No. 18-0488-EL-BGN, I would like to reiterate my opposition to that case, as well as my thanks for this resolution and my hopes that Seneca Wind or their affiliate does not re-apply for this project. I do not think Seneca County would benefit from this in the long run.

One of the biggest reasons that I oppose these wind "farms" is due to the safety factor. Documented evidence was provided to the OPSB (in the Seneca Wind case) in the Spring of 2019 showing that records prove that debris thrown from turbine blades (whether ice throw or other debris due to blade failure) has exceeded the minimum setback distances between the turbine base and the property line as allowed by Ohio law to the extend of hundreds of feet. This places a serious risk to the safety of residents and the general public who live in the footprint of these projects.

Industrial wind turbines are 600-foot high spinning industrial factories scattered across many acres of rural agricultural landscape. They are anything but farms.

The minimum setback distances in Ohio are not sufficient to protect our citizens.

I recently read an article on a website that compares minimum setback distances for various Counties in the State of Illinois. Apparently in Illinois each County has the authority for an "up or down vote" as to whether to permit a wind project within their county, unlike the State of Ohio whose current law gives all authority to approve construction of wind project to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

I copied an article from the website of Monroe County Illinois Fair Wind Coalition, and the copy is attached. (Any bold text/italics text/underline text was my addition and did not appear in their article on the website). Please take this information into consideration when evaluating these proposed wind projects in Ohio. For your reference, the website is: <http://www.monroecountyilfairwindcoalition.org>

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Thank you.
Sincerely,

Jan Sampson