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My name is Linda Morsher, many things of the past have come and gone, but I would like to think that COMMON SENSE is still around, but I'm beginning to wonder. You have a Wind Company, Apex wanting to put appx. 50 wind turbines in Seneca county. that will stand over 600+ feet tall. and over half of the those turbines are located on land where there is KARST deposits, which can effect our wells and ground water, where is the common sense? Over in Flat Rock there is a CHILDREN'S HOME, for special and troubled children, there is to be turbines close to that facility. what about the safety of those children, where's the common sense? Apex, is promising the area schools money from the turbines, but residents who don't wish to live near turbines will try to sell their homes for decreased value, or walk away from those mortgages, which will result in lower revenue in property taxes which the school derives money from, where is the common sense? What about the health and safety of those who live near and around these turbines that didn't have a voice in the matter? PLEASE, OPSB you will not be affected by these wind turbines, but those of us who live and have worked hard for our "peaceful haven" will be affected by these 600+ feet monstrosities. I pray COMMON SENSE will prevail and that the OPSB will NOT grant the permit for this project. Respectfully, Linda Morsher

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AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR: Dorothy Pelanda

My name is Linda Morsher, I live at 7355 Twp. Road 81. My husband Chuck and I reside in Seneca County, Ohio. We purchased our home over 20 years ago so that we could reside out of the city and be in the country. We knew then that living out in the country surrounded by agriculture, would mean having farm equipment up and down the road. Farmers working the land day and late into the night, as well as the lovely aroma of livestock and nature. We knew then and didn't mind and still don't mind. We have never sought to limit any neighbor on the agricultural use of their owned or leased property. But Commercial Industrial Wind Power, IS NOT AGRICULTURE. It IS NOT FARMING, even if the wind company calls them Wind farms.

Apparently Apex Company is attempting to put wind turbines within a 1/2 mile of our home. These turbines are to be over 600 feet tall. For a point of reference, the Arch in St. Louis stands over 630 feet tall. Can you imagine having a monstrosity of this magnitude outside your home? For many reasons we are opposing the Republic Wind project. One of the most pressing concerns is due to the Karsts. Because of the location of Bellevue, which is documented to be over karsts; (which are irregular limestone region with sinkholes, underground streams and caverns.) ODNR has stated that there should be NOTHING build on or near a karst, due to the possibly of shifting of the porous limestone, which can affect the flow of ground water and wells. Apex wants to put around 50 turbines in this project with 27 of the turbines to be built over karsts land. Where is the common sense in that? With the need to go down into the ground for the bases of these 600+ turbines there is a very likely chance of contamination of our well, which is how we get our water. The noise, shadow flicker, possibility of ice throws, health concerns and especially for the decrease in our home value. If wind-generated electricity were economically viable, how many of the local farmers have installed their own windmills? Most have sizable barns and outbuilding. Do you see many of the local farmers with solar panels? All of that large surface area, close to the ground, going to waste.

Now, we're asking, for YOUR HELP. The amount of carbon that these wind turbines put out when they burn or malfunction is a danger to the community and our environment. Also, the birds and bats that will be killed is detrimental to our eco system. We will be going before the OPSB board on Oct. 2nd. We didn't ask for this fight. In closing, I do not pretend to be an expert in wind turbines, rather just a citizen of Seneca County trying to protect my home, livelihood and property. Everything comes at a price. The price for these wind turbines in health, safety, environment, property values and conserving of our precious land isn't worth it. Remember: EVERYTHING THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD!

Respectfully, Linda and Chuck Morsher

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Public Utilities Commission Of Ohio

Ohio Power Siting Board

Re Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN

I am a resident of Eden Township, Seneca County and would like to go on record as being opposed to the Republic Wind project proposed for Seneca and Sandusky counties. I am not opposed to wind turbines or alternative energy, but I am opposed to the construction of an industrial scale wind farm covering approximately 15,000 acres in a heavily populated area.

One of my objections to the wind project in our area relates to limiting access to large areas of our densely populated county by Air Ambulance Emergency Services. There are many county, township and state roads in near proximity to the projects' proposed Industrial Wind Turbines that will not be accessible to air emergency services. When First Responders and Emergency Care personnel deem it necessary to transport a victim from the scene of an accident, the last thing they need is Industrial Wind Turbines in the immediate area that will prevent air ambulances from landing at the required site. The turbines will pose safety hazards to emergency helicopters and will necessitate designated landing areas away from turbine locations. When minutes can mean the difference between saving and losing a life after an auto accident, I find this situation unacceptable.

I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff to investigate the air ambulance access situation in the proposed wind farm area to insure that the health and safety of the area residents are not put at risk. Seneca county receives air ambulance service from Mercy Life Flight in Toledo, ProMedica in Toledo, Metro Life Flight in Cleveland and MedFlight in Columbus when required. Mercy Life Flight has flown from Mercy Hospital in Tiffin over 100 times in calendar year 2018. I requested but did not receive information from Mercy Life Flight and ProMedica, on flights from accident scenes in Seneca County. I do know that there have been two accident site transports by Life Flight within the last 5 days in Seneca County.

The other main objection the siting an industrial wind farm in Seneca County is the effect it will have on property values and future housing development in the vicinity. I object to the OPSB overriding our local zoning regulations. We purchased our rural property in Eden Township and we thought that we had a degree of protection from large industrial facilities being erected in our township by virtue of our zoning variance procedures that allow input from affected property owners. The system is in place for our personal safety and protection of our property values but we are not allowed to use it. This wind project should be subject to a vote by the local residents who will be affected by the project. If the locals vote for the project then so be it. If they vote against the project it indicates that the project is not suitable to the local residents and should not be built. There are hundreds of property owners in this designated project area that sought a peaceful area to live, enjoy and raise their families. I, like many of my friends

and neighbors take pride in our properties and would not like to see our property values decline due to the near proximity of large industrial wind turbines. This area of Seneca County is far too densely populated for a wind project of this magnitude. A recent housing study in nearby Tiffin indicated the serious need for housing. New housing will be virtually eliminated in the area of an industrial wind facility such as that proposed by Republic Wind, thus greatly affecting our local economy.

Thirdly, I do not think there is a need for the proposed energy production. If there was a need in our area for increased energy production, we would logically build natural gas powered facilities using the abundant supply of gas that currently travels via pipeline through our county. Much of the gas travelling through the Rover Pipeline ends up in Michigan or Canada because there is no real need for it in our area. The Industrial Wind Turbines that are proposed are very inefficient compared to a gas plant or a Generation IV Nuclear plant and do not have the ability to replace any existing power producing facilities.


I urge the OPSB Staff to recommend that the OPSB deny Republic Wind permission to build.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of Don & Bonnie Jordan, I am submitting this for them. This is their statement. My name is Donald Jordan. My wife, Bonnie and I reside at 7735 Township Road 81, Bellevue. We have lived here for over 57 years and are very concerned about the possibility of a wind turbine being put less than 1/2 mile from my home. I have some health issues: a D-FIBULATOR, PLUS 2 PACE MAKERS, and am worried how the turbine might interfere with them. Also, with the wind turbines in the area, the possibility that LIFE FLIGHT would not be able to land safely should the need arise. With either issue, the effects could be life-threatening. Also, how will the infrasound that is generated from the turbines affect humans and animals? How will these massive tower foundations effect the "KARST" so prevalent in our area? who is responsible when our groundwater is contaminated? Another thing that distresses me and my wife is the decrease in home values where there are wind turbines. We have lived at our home for over 57 years and the probability that our home value could be reduced by up to 40% troubles me greatly. Please do what's right and in the best interest of the RURAL COMMUNITY, our safety and our health. Do not grant a permit for Apex for the proposed Republic wind project. 

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Testimony for Ohio Siting Board
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Republic Wind LLC

I was unable to attend the Public Testimony for Republic Wind LLC-17-2295-EL-BGN, today, September 12, 2019, which was held at Tiffin University.

On July 23, 2019, at Tiffin University, I gave my sworn testimony during the public hearing for the Seneca Wind Project 18-0488-EL-BGN. During my testimony, I was heckled and interrupted many times. The week following the public hearing the people who opposed the construction of the wind project, continued to degrade my testimony and assault my character on social media. Due to the very vocal and intimidating group opposed to the wind projects in Seneca County and the surrounding areas, many supporters of the wind project choose to avoid showing their support of wind projects in public.

I would like to enthusiastically endorse the construction of the Republic Wind project in Seneca and Sandusky County.

I retired in 2015 after 35 years teaching art and technology for the Seneca East Local School District. I was able to do a lot of wonderful projects with my students, but over the years, there were things we could not afford because our school did not have the budget for it. I remember feeling jealous of my friends who worked for districts like Oak Harbor and Marysville that were anchored by major economic development projects.

From 1980-2007, when I was the secondary art specialist for the Seneca East School system. My junior high classroom was not handicapped accessible. There were at least two physically challenged students who were not able to attend class in the art room. In Attica, Ohio, where the Seneca East High School was located, my high school art classroom did not have a water source. The high school students needed to travel a distance to retrieve water for their art projects. A community member generously donated a pottery kiln for student use, however, the school district could not afford to run a 220-volt power line to the art room necessary for the operation of the pottery kiln. Consequently, the pottery kiln sat idle in another room covered with a tablecloth.

In 2008, the new Seneca East K-12 School opened, thanks to the Ohio School Facilities program, which financed 68% of the total cost of the campus. The local

taxpayers were only responsible for 32% of the cost for the new school, if not for the funds from the Ohio School Facilities, the new school would not have been built. A new school building is not a substitute for sufficient funds to operate the school system. Rural school systems cannot financially operate with only local funding, that is why the funds received from the Republic Wind Project will be needed and welcomed.

Our country is wonderful! Every child living in the United States is guaranteed a FREE education! I believe every American child should have the same amount of money spent on their education. It should not matter if a school district has a nuclear power plant in their district, a Honda factory in their district, the district is located in a wealthy suburb in Columbus or a district like Seneca East located in a rural area with no factories or economic developments. Every child should have the same financial benefits!

We now have the chance to improve school funding with the prospect of wind energy projects bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars to our district each year. Living as we do in a rural area, we do not have the advantages urban centers have with large businesses or factories - but we can strengthen and diversify our economy by attracting renewable energy developments. When I see a large energy tower - as I often did growing up near Niagara Falls - I don't view it as an eyesore; I see economic opportunity.

I am thrilled that the Seneca East School District may be able to reap the financial benefits of the Republic Wind Project!

There has been very little economic growth in this area of Seneca County. With the construction of the wind turbines, our country will benefit from clean, renewable energy, our schools, townships, and libraries will greatly benefit from the revenue generated by this great project.

We are so fortunate to have the acreage available in our area to construct wind turbines. Yet even in populated areas, these turbines gracefully nestle in with the landscape. When traveling to Lima, Ohio we enjoy watching the wind turbines in Dunkirk, Ohio. We make an effort to scan the horizon so we don't drive past the turbines and miss the view! A wonderful example of turbines blending in with the surrounding area is The North Findlay Wind campus in Findlay, Ohio. Six Wind turbines power 30% of the Whirlpool and Ball corporations. These turbines are located near the center of town and a middle school.

Let me finish by using an example from the novel Don Quixote written in the 1600s by Cervantes. One of the most famous stories in the novel was Don Quixote's battle with a giant, however, in reality, the giant was only a windmill. Some scholars believe that


Cervantes used this adventure to illustrate that Don Quixote was a relic and that the windmills represented technology.

I am not a relic and I embrace technology. I look forward to the construction of the wind turbines that will provide clean renewable energy and economic growth for this area of Seneca County.

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I own farm property in Seneca County that has been in my family for many years. I was born and raised in Seneca County and now live in Columbus. I cannot attend today's hearing and request that this be accepted as my statement in favor of this project. I strongly support the project for its positive economic and environmental contributions to the entirety of the county, its communities and residents. I am very much motivated by these long-term citizenship considerations. Thank you

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