

September 22, 2019

Rep. Bill Reineke (House District 88)
District 26)
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Sen. David Burke (Senate
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Dear Representative Bill Reineke and Senator David Burke:

I am writing in regard to the Republic Wind public meeting, Docket # 17-2295-EL-BGN, held on September 12, 2019. I registered to speak at this meeting. I reside in the "footprint" of the Seneca Wind project and my husband and I would have a turbine approximately 1300 feet from our property line if that project were to move forward. When it was my turn to speak I found it a little disheartening to be asked by the Apex council, "Are you in the footprint of the Republic Wind project?" These wind projects will affect all of us in Seneca, Erie, & Huron Counties. There are NO WALLS around any of these – Republic, Emerson Creek, Honey Creek, etc. We drive through them and our neighbors and friends live in them. We ALL will be subjected to issues of health and safety. We stand together in our oppositions to ALL wind projects.

Many of those within the so called "boundaries" of the Republic Wind project are intervenors and according to the OPSB rules they are not permitted to speak on their own behalf. Many of us in Seneca, and even Erie and Huron counties felt we needed to support them in their opposition – especially since they were not allowed to speak themselves. Is our testimony not to be counted since we don't "reside" in the footprint of the Republic Wind one? These friends and neighbors are being forced to take money from their own pockets to pay for council to represent them at the adjudicatory meeting in November. This is NOT right!!

Another issue I want to address is the one of property rights. I was told long ago you can do whatever you want within the law as long as you don't infringe on someone else's rights. So yes – farmers have a right to have a turbine on their property though NOT if it infringes on the property rights of their neighbor. Their neighbor has property rights too!! Some of the leaseholders do not even live anywhere near the property they own where turbines may be placed and it seems they could care less about their neighbor's safety and health issues. Is this what Ohio has come to??

It is up to the Ohio Power Siting Board to protect the rights of ALL of Ohio's residents not just the ones who stand to gain monetarily. The possible financial gain to counties or schools is small in comparison to the multitude of problems these IWTs create. These wind turbines at 600 + feet in the air with 3 blades

each over 200 feet long are unreliable, dangerous, and do not produce enough electrical energy to warrant the dangers. Please take some time – research the Infrasound they create. Read about the problems with turbines in other states and countries. Note the increase in electrical costs in these other countries – especially Germany.

We encourage the OPSB to reject Apex's application to build wind turbines ANYWHERE in Ohio and in particular their application for the Republic Wind project.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Seneca County

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