Dear Docket Submission Ohio Public Siting Board,

As a resident of the area surrounding the Republic Wind project (Docket No. 17-2295-EL-BGN, Republic Wind), I want to encourage you to award a permit to this project.

Over the last several years, I've participated in public discussions regarding the project and directly interacted with the developer, Apex Clean Energy.

Apex has been accessible and responsive to questions and feedback. They have been very engaged with members of the community and are committed to protecting our legacy. As I've talked to my fellow residents, I see broad support for Republic Wind. I recognize there are some in the county who do not want wind projects. Fortunately, no one is telling them they must put a turbine on their property.

The economic, community, infrastructure, and health benefits that would result from this project are hardly debatable. For these reasons I urge you to support Republic Wind.

Regards, Peggy Smith 7039 Tunbridge Dr Mentor, OH 44060 This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

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