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Dear members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am a resident of Seneca County. I have lived in Seneca County for over 40 years. My husband had lived in Seneca County all of his life. While he was alive, we enjoyed the nature near us. The biggest requirement for us, when looking for property to build our family home, was a wooded area to enjoy all the wildlife that would live there, too. We chose a property that had room to build in front of a woods. We did not have to destroy any trees on the property when we built our home. As a matter of fact, we added trees to the property. We enjoy the deer, birds and scampering wildlife.

While my husband's life on Earth ended about 4 years ago, I still enjoy the property. Our children and grandchildren also enjoy viewing the wildlife. We've had owls, wild turkeys, hummingbirds, Baltimore orioles, numerous finches and grosbeaks, we have not yet spotted an eagle's nest on our property. We love to see them elsewhere in Seneca County and hope to one day have them on our property, as well.

However, if the industrial wind turbines being proposed are built, I'm afraid that may never happen. Worse yet, I'm afraid that the ones in other areas of Seneca County will be gone, as well. This is NOT something that I want to see happen. Our home will be passed on to the next generation of our family before too long. I sincerely hope that every effort can be made to preserve this property for wildlife alongside our family.

I have numerous concerns about the wind turbines proposed. The setbacks, the safety, the lack of power produced, are just a few. But with Seneca County recently being ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the number of bald eagle nests in State of Ohio, I feel it's important to voice my concern about the eagle's safety. I feel that it is our responsibility to speak out for the safety of our wildlife.

Please consider these issues when addressing the matter of wind turbine placement. While I would much rather not see any placed in Seneca County, I certainly think that the least we could do, is NOT place them where it would inhibit families or wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration in this serious matter.

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