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I recently read an article about the growth in the numbers of Bald Eagles in Ohio. I believe it said my county (Seneca) is now 5th in the State of Ohio for the number of eagles and active nesting locations. This part of Ohio is also in the main route for numerous migratory bird populations. For this reason, industrial wind turbines that are 600 feet high should not be sited in this vicinity. (Recently a bald eagle was cut down by a smaller turbine operating in Wood County.) I am opposed to industrial wind turbines without any vote from the local residents, so I am counting on the OPSB to maintain safe distancing (as recommended by safety manuals from the turbine manufacturers) from residential homes, migratory bird pathways, and active eagle nests. It is my understanding that two new active eagle nests have been identified either in or very near the border of Republic Wind (project 17-2295-EL-BGN). There are many reasons I oppose these industrial wind projects in rural areas including: safe setback distances, declining property values, long-term health impacts from noise and vibration, and no "voice" in the decision by local residents. Please do not approve Republic Wind Farm and Emerson Creek Wind Farm.

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