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**Subject:** Icebreaker Windpower

Dear Director Mertz and the Members of the OPSB,

**I am emailing you to state my opposition to the Icebreaker Wind project.** As a lake front property owner of over 20 years in Bay Village, I care deeply about the health of our lake and the beauty of our North Coast. I have also witnessed the power and fury of this lake and have seen the damage it does to structures over time. As such, I believe the economics of building a wind farm on the lake are terrible. The cost to build on the lake is multiples of the cost to build on land. The wear and tear on the windmills will be much more significant than on land, and the maintenance and repair will also be multiples of the same costs on land.

We have all witnessed the [lack of] performance of windmills on land. Often, the wind is blowing and they aren't turning. Owners of land-based windmills must already find it difficult and/or too expensive to rapidly repair these windmills. On the lake this problem will be magnified many times - resulting in rusting hulks that become nothing but non-productive eyesores. If the Ohio Power Siting Board is interested in establishing a wind power farm in the northern part of Ohio, **I strongly suggest you reject the Lake Erie option and select a much more practical land-based location.**

If for some reason, the OPSB approves this project, the windmills should be subject to clear operating and service performance standards. If someone (especially from outside of our state and country) builds them, they should be at risk for their performance (i.e 1. penalties for days of no energy production, and 2. requirements to remove non-performing windmills after a certain number of non-performing days). Than again, can OPSB or anyone else really hold a foreign company accountable for this performance?

Please note that my argument above is not meant to diminish the many other arguments against this project, such as the disruption of toxic sludge and likelihood of many, many bird casualties.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

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