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Public Comment in case number 13-0990-EL-BGN made by Ms. Virginia M. Robson, 65 S. Kniffin Street, Greenwich, Ohio 44837 to Director James Zehringer, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

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Ohio Department of Health
James Zehringer, Director
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RE: Greenwich Wind Park
Docket #13-0990-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Zehringer:

As a neighbor of the site of the wind park proposed in Greenwich Township I would like to express my concern for the effect it will have on our community. For four years only those leasing their land were aware of the project. The public meetings were actually the trigger for the neighboring land owners/occupants to research wind turbines. No one was well enough informed at that time to even know what questions to ask. As we have gone forward with that research only negatives have appeared. Those signing leases are apparently under a gag order and, therefore, do not come forward to let us know the positive side. It seems that the only positive is that 29 lessees will receive cash. My hope is that these lessees have done as much research as Greenwich Neighbors United and will be allowed to share their information with us.

We are concerned about Noise, Health issues, impact on Wildlife, Property Values, and Safety from ice throw, fires, and turbine/blade failure. Our research has shown these negatives appearing in all existing areas having wind parks. However, we have found no statistics showing that the promised performance and energy savings have ever been reached for any of the existing wind parks.

As a group, Greenwich Neighbors United, ***ask your assistance in supporting another public hearing*** to hear our concerns and inform us of the positive side of the issue. The Ohio General Assembly recently passed SB 310 which sets up a study committee called, the Energy Mandates Study Committee, to review issues related to renewable energy. The report will be issued September 2015. The ***recommendation*** of those opposing turbines is that ***a hold be put on the project until this study is complete.*** I would hate to think that my tax dollars were spent on a project that affects my health, ruins my landscape, separates me from my neighbors, and lowers my property values, only to find that it has no ecological value. It is a lot of tax dollars to be spent for naught.

Respectfully,



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