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Ohio Power Siting Board Members,

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During the certification process of "Greenwich Wind Park" the representatives of WindLab have focused attention on adjacent property owners in an attempt to dismiss and belittle the concerns of our community. (See Case Document dated 6/13/2014, 7/03/2014, 8/19/2014)

I can understand adjacent property owner concerns for the construction of a fence, commercial hog barn or a junk yard, however the impact of a structure that rises 490.5 feet above the earth extends beyond adjacent property concerns.

Other than cell phone towers, most structures that extend above our tree line are monuments. These monuments honor a person/persons or an historic event. These monuments are not just for adjacent property owners. They are for the community, the state, the nation, present and future generations.

What will these proposed wind turbine monuments represent for the next 20 – 25 years? Our tax dollars at work for subsidies, tax abatements, decreased property values, safety and health issues, fewer birds, higher electric bills (during the peak alert summer months, when we need more electric, wind turbines don't produce - they take power from the grid, increasing our usage raising our prices). These issues will not only affect the adjacent property owners. These issues will affect the whole community.

The original WindLab land leases at the Huron County Recorders office are dated in 2010. This was before public hearings or so called info meetings. Our community is attempting to right a wrong by uniting against a commercial enterprise, not an economically viable green energy source.

I am honored to be a part of a community that is willing to step out of their comfort zone and work to protect the lives of everyone in our community.

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