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Letter to the Editor  
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**Re: *Student's Health More Important than Military Site***


Dear Editor,

As a student of Military History, I read with interest the article in the Chillicothe Gazette, February 11, 2015 edition: *Camp Sherman advocate opposes AEP plans*. While I support preserving the great history of our area, AEP's current plan, known as the preferred route, provides the best and most logical placement for the future power line and distribution station.

AEP and The Ohio Siting Board must not reject the current preferred route for one that places the 138kV transmission line adjacent to the UNIOTO campus. That would subject children and faculty to the well-documented effects of electromagnetic radiation, causing or contributing to cases of leukemia and cancers including breast cancer, blood disorders, etc. While some may debate the level of the risk, there is ample documentation to conclude that it's foolish and irresponsible to build the towers by the schools.

The preferred route places the lines away from the UNIOTO campus and neighborhoods where people live and learn. The health of our children, faculty and citizens carries much greater value than preserving a site of limited historical interest that has been left abandon for nearly a century.

Sincerely,

  
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