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To be submitted during hearing promoting Fresh Water Windfarm on Lake Erie.

As a native Clevelander and one whose life, until recently, was spent in greater Cleveland, I would like to make the following plea.

Growing up on the shores of Lake Erie, I was witness to the rapid death of our beautiful inland sea. Memories of swimming amidst the dead fish and taking the Good-Time up the Cuyahoga River which carried the gaudy colors of that days Sherwin-Williams refuse are vivid and clear and yet like Cleveland, the lake revived. When we stopped using the river as an industrial toilet, and when environmental regulations curbed our recklessness our vital, shallow lake became the natural spawning ground for walleye and perch – and again served as the recreational wonder it is.

Now Cleveland has the opportunity to be raised on the lake's zephyrs into international prominence as the town with the foresight to demonstrate the power of wind energy. Cleveland is at the nexus of academic research, industrial might, and the natural gift of Lake Erie. May we all play our part to make this opportunity a reality. Windustrious Cleveland has shown the way.

Submitted by,

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The initiative to bring Offshore Wind Power to Lake Erie began in 2006, with the creation of the Windustrious Cleveland organization, <http://www.windustrious.org>. The history of the project, since its inception, can be accessed from the website's menu bar. The project is now headed by Icebreaker Windpower, for which you are now holding a public hearing, in Cleveland, on November 8th.

Cleveland faces a unique opportunity to become the first city in the U.S. to install an offshore wind farm in fresh water. It would translate into a powerful image of Cleveland as a progressive, productive, jobs-creating city, with a bubbling business climate, a place where young professionals will want to come and stay, and a very interesting tourist destination.

We can lead the way, or we can simply follow along, after the trend has gathered momentum elsewhere. Given our assets in infrastructure, location and historically-grounded expertise in relevant industries, one could say we had an actual responsibility, an obligation, to be at the forefront. By acting now, we could reap the tremendous business opportunities of being in the vanguard of research, development and production of the equipment that the rest of the country, and the world, will inevitably be demanding. If we reject this opportunity, and build turbines out on the Lake only after others have taken the initiative somewhere else, we will be consciously throwing away not just that free marketing asset, but the economic advantages of taking a leadership role in this new technology.

During the past decade a great variety of supporters have added their endorsements for the project, as can be seen in the list of Windustrious Champions, <http://www.windustrious.org/champions>, who are shown with their individual statements. Their submissions have originated from international, national, and regional sources, as well as from local enthusiasts. And they represent the wishes of organizations, companies, a union, and legislative leaders, as well as of individual members of the public.

A rapidly growing number of people realize that there are clean, free, everlasting sources of power that we should be turning to, as rapidly as possible. The wind over our Great Lakes is a prime example of such a resource - and we are so fortunate to be able to embrace it.

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From: Sherri Lange [mailto:kodaisl@rogers.com]
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Subject: WATER CONTAMINATION ONTARIO CANADA WINS SUPPORT FROM FN Head Crane Clan Mother Cindy Soney

Note to Mr. Matt Butler:

Please add this to the LEEDCo comments bank.

Thank you!

Sherri

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Head Crane Clan Mother Cindy Soney, left, holds the documents deeding North American land to First Nations people. With her is Corrine Tooshkenig, Clan Water Grandmother who is joining the protest and said this is an international and human rights issue.

First Nations members have joined Water Wells First members in peaceful protest, blocking the entrance to a wind turbine construction site on Bush Line near Highway

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Cindy Soney and Corrine Tooshkenig happened to drive by the Bush Line blockade last night, after hearing about the fight by WWF to stop turbine construction until the water well problems in north Chatham-Kent are investigated. Soney was present Wednesday morning when Chatham-Kent police came to the Bush Line site with Pattern Energy officials to remove the protesters.

Soney, who holds the title of Supreme Authority of Great Turtle Island (North America) and Head Crane Clan Mother, and Tooshkenig, a Clan Water Grandmother, held a document which is a deed of land proclamation from 1850 in the Province of Canada which gives ownership of the land to First Nations.

"The document is for the ownership of all of North America. As the original inhabitants, we never sold any land and that goes back to our traditional clan system. I am top of the clan system as Head Crane Clan Mother," Soney explained.

WWF spokesperson Kevin Jakubec went to speak to the police and told them they would have to talk to the property owner, Soney, who showed them a certified copy of the document deeding them the land. Jakubec said the police backed off and the Pattern Energy officials said they would be consulting with their lawyer.

Tooshkenig said the papers go back to work done by the clan to prove land ownership during the Kettle Point dispute near Ipperwash where First Nations member Dudley George was shot and killed by police while participating in a blockade. Soney added that all government law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada have been given a copy of the document.

Soney said she heard about the water well issues in north Chatham-Kent and drove to the area where she heard protests were being held.

"I have been watching wind turbines for the last 15 to 20 years and see what they are doing so I came out," Soney said. "Just by accident I drove by and saw the sign and saw the protest was still going on and I stopped in and said I can help out. So, this is my first formal (time) taking the paperwork and standing up and saying, 'Hey this is wrong. Duty to consult is with me and you're ruining these people's water. Food, water and shelter are the three basic necessities that everyone in North America should be entitled to without any question.'"

Soney said she and Tooshkenig will be staying with protesters to help their fight to halt turbine construction.

"We're trying to fight for our future generations and our children. I don't have any children but I am up for the fight of the life of Mother Earth. We have destroyed her way too much in the last hundred years. It affects us all," Soney noted.

Jakubec, who was visibly moved by Soney's help and comments, said he was surprised and thankful for the help from the Clan Mother and Grandmother. He was given the title of Grandfather from Tooshkenig, which she said is the highest honour given to people like Jakubec for "protecting future generations from the now."

Marc St. Pierre, a resident of Bay Line in Dover, said the help from Soney gave him new hope they can stop the destruction of well water.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life, to have so much clout against police and elected officials," St. Pierre said at the Bush Line protest blockade. "Their cause is the same as our cause and I feel like we have a much bigger backer behind us and maybe we can even stop construction until a better way to build turbines that don't hurt our aquifer."

With an eighth well reporting dirty water now in the North Kent Wind One project area, and pile driving continuing, St. Pierre said the situation was getting depressing. He has been dealing with sediment in his well for the past four years and uses four filters on his well just so he can bathe in the water. He buys drinking water because he said the MOECC refuses to test his water for heavy metals and tell him if his water is safe to drink.

"This has given us hope that more and more people will see the destruction. We have new hope and new confidence," he added.

Soney and Tooshkenig remained at the site Wednesday and performed a sacred ceremony to put up Thunderbird prayer poles at the Bush Line protest site.

Tooshkenig said the ceremony asks for the creator's help, noting "it's like putting up a cross."

WWF IS WATER WELLS FIRST

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September 6, 2017

Asim Haque, Chairman
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Haque,

I am writing in support of Icebreaker Wind's Ohio Power Siting Board application to construct the first offshore wind demonstration project in the Great Lakes. This 20 megawatt, renewable energy source consisting of 6-turbines would be located eight miles off the coast of downtown Cleveland.

This project will bring both economic and environmental benefits to Northeast Ohio. Manufacturers currently located in the region and our state will have the opportunity to participate in the vast and growing offshore wind supply chain, an industry for which Ohio is very well-suited. The project also offers regional construction companies the chance to gain valuable experience in offshore wind, which will be a competitive advantage for future Great Lakes projects. This source of clean energy would be the first of its kind in United States fresh water and over time, could ultimately power tens of thousands of homes and businesses. This project, with its zero emission, fixed cost energy can also help attract businesses seeking clean power to the region, creating more jobs for Ohioans and boosting our economy. Facebook and Amazon are two very recent examples of companies locating in Ohio and utilizing renewables.

It is because of both economic and environmental reasons I strongly support Icebreaker Windpower and its certificate application. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts, and if I can be of additional support on this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank LaRose".

Frank LaRose
State Senator
27th District

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