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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

My name is Janet Gross and I live in a 158 year old one room schoolhouse on a one lane road in rural Seneca County. The issue of the wind turbines in my county is weighing very heavily on me.

I am a widowed, retired school teacher living alone. My husband and I worked hard to create our half-acre oasis out here in the country with trees and gardens. I'm only 67 years old and more than likely have quite a few years ahead of me. My plans for my future - both financially and physically - has always been to remain in my home.

The wind turbine issue has affected me already. I now can't sleep thinking about all the things the turbines would change.

1. The sight of all those huge turbines around me, the size of them, the noise, the lights. I now sit outside and read in absolute silence. That would be gone.

2. Eagles land in the field across the road from my house. I can hear three different kinds of owls

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at night. Those would be gone.

3. Property values - I am on a very tight budget. Wind turbines near me would cause my property value to nose dive. Who would want to buy a house with those giant turbines near by?

4. School levies won't pass. We won't get new people moving in.

5. We have very poor drainage in this area with a severe sink hole issue, causing roads to flood quite frequently. Putting all that concrete into the ground would not help.

All these factors are pitting neighbor against neighbor. I believe a farmer has the right to do what he wants with his property until it affects his neighbors and his community. My neighbor is one of the people who wants to build multiple turbines.

I've gone to Apex meetings and heard their side. Apex is a company trying to make money - I understand, that's the job of any company. But once they come into an area

and affect the ground water,  
property values, wildlife,  
and our serene rural way  
of life, they'll be gone.  
They'll just move on to another  
location and start again -  
leaving us with the devastation.  
They don't care about us.  
They talk about how they're  
bringing jobs - most of them  
would be temporary.

In my travels around  
the United States, I've seen  
wind farms and there are  
no houses anywhere near them.  
I feel I'm being kicked  
out of my house and my  
future. I'm asking you  
to care. Would you want  
to live by these giant turbines?  
Please, do not allow these  
turbines to be built.

Thank you very much,  
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