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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I live in Huron County, on the border of Seneca County, so I have been following the wind turbine progression closely. To start, I want to say I WAS pro-wind. Years ago I remember driving to visit family down around Springfield, Ohio and on the way saw many signs against wind turbines and wondered why people would not support wind energy. Now that this has been a pressing issue for our area I have looked into this thoroughly. I am a health care practitioner and have been trained in research and analyzing scientific studies, interpreting the data, and evaluating if the study was a strong or weak study. I have taken this approach in evaluating the current research on wind studies.

An adjacent 1 mile long road that I run frequently has near daily hawk sitings and a frequent bald eagle presence. This stretch of road is slated to have 4 turbines on it. Recently, my 9 year old son chose to write the OPSB a letter as he fears he will have an unpleasant time playing outside in our woods due to increased mosquitoes resulting from bird and bat deaths. (Being in science, I have laid out all pros and cons to my children about the wind turbines and asked them to come to their own conclusion and to never make a decision based on their parents opinion...he wrote this letter on his bus ride home one day on his own accord!)

My husband and I are blessed to have great jobs. We have only ever turned down one poorly written tax when it was on our ballot in the history of our 14 years living in this rural, underserved area of Huron County. As a Physician Assistant I will not allow my families health and well being to be jeopardized and would unfortunately leave this area that we have been so very happy to support. I recently shared my desire for the Ohio Representatives to turn down HB223. I am already concerned with life flight's ability to land with the currently proposed turbines. The local, small hospitals are not capable to *independently* handle a life threatening MVA and we rely on timely life flight transfers, often from the scene of a crash. Increasing the number of turbines already proposed will make it increasingly difficult for life flight to land. Being air lifted from the scene easily decreases at least 30 crucial life and death minutes. This is definitely a very concerning threat to the area as these turbines approach.

Lastly, Huron County Commissioners voted unanimously against the AEZ and the local wind turbine project. We ask that you hear their voice as they represent a majority of their county constituents. We feel helpless in this situation and hope you will stand up for us.

I hope you will consider the safety, health, and well being of us as individuals instead of financial gain as the motivating factor. Rural Ohio needs your help. We need you to serve in your leadership role to protect us. We are asking you to please take the time to consider our concerns because our future and well-being depend on it.

Sincerely,

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