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To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I wish to comment on the proposed rules under section 4906-4-10 “Notice and reports of incidents involving wind farm facilities”.

I am a lifelong citizen of Ohio, resident of Seneca County, and licensed physician in the State. The introduction of proposed industrial wind projects for the Seneca County region prompted my need to become familiar with current regulations and policies as it pertains to aforementioned projects. I must admit, I was astonished to discover the absence of the very rules the OPSB is now taking into consideration.

A disparity exists between documented evidence of wind turbine blade throws and the existing Ohio minimal setback distance such that debris is extending beyond that established distance. The mission of the OPSB is to “support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy capacity and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens...” That benefit must take into consideration the health and well-being of Ohio citizens. It should go without saying that debris extending beyond the minimal setback distance poses a threat to the health and well-being of those in proximity to such an incident.

I find the proposed rules are within reason and necessary in the interest of public safety. The telephone notification policy as outlined under 4906-4-10 (A) (1) will benefit the mission and duties of the OPSB and, just as important, assist in the local community’s immediate response to any threat from such an incident. I would make a recommendation to consider the addition of a method in the reporting a “notice of incidents” to the OPSB for township trustees, county commissioners, and/or local law enforcement so as to avoid the full reliance on self-reporting by wind farm operators. Furthermore, 4906-4-10 (B) through (D) will lead to the procurement and preservation of records that the OPSB can take into consideration in the proper siting of future industrial wind projects.

It is my sincere hope that the OPSB will work to ensure full transparency and the timely public disclosure of the gathered information outlined in 4906-4-10. I believe that the sharing of such information will prove beneficial both for the industry and for other states, counties, townships, or municipalities as they develop their own rules and regulations with regards to the proper siting of industrial wind turbines.

Sincerely,


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I would urge the OPSB to adopt regulations for reporting turbine incidents for industrial wind farms. These need to be incorporated into the procedures and policies to protect the people \that live in the shadows and many time close proximities to the Industria Wind Farm Projects. Thank you for allowing my comments.

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