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The Ohio Power Siting Board  
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Dear OPSB Members and Administrative Law Judge,

Thank you for the time today to listen to me as a resident, voter and the zoning inspector of a township who is under invasion of the wind turbines. As a zoning inspector of Eden Township, we have a zoning ordinance on turbines for the township. It states, "The maximum height of any turbine shall not be any taller than 100 feet, which includes the tower and the maximum vertical height of the turbine's blades." Any variance to this would have to go to the board of appeals to present a change. In Eden Township, this variance is advertised to the residents within a 100-foot diameter of the proposed turbine to be able to voice their concerns. The appeals board considers all concerns for and against the variance. Then the five-person appeals board votes on the proposed variance. Thus, allowing the residents to have a voice in the process.

The purpose of the turbine zoning is to establish general guidelines for the location of wind turbine generators, anemometer towers and individual wind turbine systems to protect the public health, safety, comfort and general welfare of the residents of Eden Township and to protect the scenic beauty of the area from the unnecessary and unreasonable visual interference and noise. To have a corporation come in and ignore the residents and the zoning rights of the township is not acceptable. To totally ignore the rights of the residents of the township is not right, especially since every other person in the township must abide by the zoning laws within that township. The residents need to be given a voice in the process.

I feel that the residents of Eden Township or any township should be able to express their feelings about issues that are going to influence their lives for the next 30 to 40 years in a democratic way. Eden Township residents need to be able to vote. Being able to vote on any proposals corporate America tries to impose, gives residents the opportunity to determine the fate of their own communities.

If you have not noticed, the elected officials in Columbus that are in favor of the turbines are officials who live in cities, suburbs or urban areas that are very closely cemented together. They do not live where we live; in rural areas. Also, in Eden Township some of us are energized by a different electric company than the ones that are fueling the wind turbine proposals. Our local electric company is promoting the use of solar energy in which some of the residents have already made investments into the solar energy drive.

In conclusion, I feel that this situation should be settled by a democratic process. Everything else is done that way in our society. The reason we ELECT officials to look out for OUR interests and VOTE on proposals that help us to be good citizens, conscious earth stewards and do our responsibilities as a society to voice our opinion through our VOTE!

Thanks for listening to me as a voter, resident and zoning inspector for Eden Township.  
Sincerely,

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