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Dear Ohio Power Sitting Board,

I would like to give my written testimony in regards to the Republic Wind project that is going on in Seneca county, reference OPSB#17-2295-EL-BGN.

Hi my name is Randall Cox and my address is 8182 County Road 29 Bellevue Ohio 44811. I support the Seneca Anti Wind union and I do not want wind turbines to be allowed in my area. I do not want the Republic wind project to move forward. I was unable to attend the OPSB meeting on 9/12/19 at the Tiffin University due to my daughters having sporting events that night so I wanted to take a minute and email you my written testimony.

We purchased our home in 2013 and I have always considered this my dream house. It is everything that we have worked so to have. It is in the perfect area and in the perfect school district. I love the city of Bellevue and the people that are in it. I love the country and wide open that surrounds our 7 acre property. We love our country views and sounds. We have a big family, my wife and I and our 5 kids! They want to construct 5 wind turbines around my house. My family and I will have to look at these things and listen to them for the next 20 years or so. How can this be true? We worked hard and bought our dream house and now it is in jeopardy! I am not against wind turbines, but I do not think it is a good idea to place wind turbines where people live. People have worked hard to live where they live and now someone wants to come in and ruin everything.

Bellevue is a strong community, it is doing well. We don't need wind turbines. I am concerned with my property value. My retirement plan is to sell our house in 20 years or so and use that money to retire from and then downsize to a smaller home. We paid a lot of money for our house and we are banking that it will still be worth that amount when we retire. We also pay a lot of money in taxes each year so how is it fair that the government that we support is now considering repaying us by lowering our homes value and taking even more money from us? Right now people want to live in Bellevue, if wind turbines are allowed that will come to an end. Not only will new buyers not want to move to Bellevue but some of the current residents will also move away.

Please help. I pray that you will stand up for the home owners like me, who are the back bone of these communities, and help us keep the wind turbines out of our back yards.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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My husband and I attended the public hearing on Thursday, September 12th at the Marion Center in Tiffin. As an intervenor we were NOT allowed to speak at that hearing, but went in support of those who spoke in OPPOSITION to the Republic Wind project. This was the community's only chance to voice their opinion of the project. After almost 7 hours of public comment, people spoke both for and against the project. I wish to thank the OPSB for their willingness to continue the hearing even after the established cut off time of 8 PM. This proposed project is a "hot" issue on both sides and sadly has even separated family and friends. Since we as a community are denied local control we must look to the OPSB which is located in Columbus, not Seneca county, for their decision on whether to grant or deny the application. OPSB's responsibility and duty is to evaluate both sides and to determine what is in the best interest of the people in Seneca County. The applicant of this wind project wishes to build close to 50 turbines that will be over 600 ft. tall and built over KARST, aka "sinkholes", which will probably affect area landowners wells, which is how we get our water for our homes. Who is responsible then for our contaminated wells? Many other issues concern us about the wind project: sound, shadow flicker, blade throws, health issues, ability of Life flight to land, area airport and decrease in our property values. At the hearing there was a sign in sheet for those opposed to the project and another sheet for those who were in favor of the project. When the people came in they were asked if they wished to sign one or the other of the sheets. According to those sign-in sheets that were listed on the OPSB website those in favor of the project was roughly 18 signatures, while those who OPPOSED the project was roughly 170. Using common sense, it should be obvious to all that the overwhelming majority of people are OPPOSED to this wind project for one reason or another. I hope and pray that OPSB will use the evidence that has been submitted for both sides, and use COMMON SENSE and logic in their vote. Once the decision is made the OPSB moves on, but those of us living in Seneca County will have the consequences either way for the rest of time. OPSB, PLEASE CHOOSE WISELY, because, "Everything that glitters is not gold."

Respectfully, Linda and Chuck Morsher 

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