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Subject: Eagles Nest in 17-2295-EL-BGN: Republic Wind Farm & 18-1607-EL-BGN: Emerson Creek Wind Farm

A recent report by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in late April of 2020, states that there have been 707 eagle's nests reported in the state of Ohio. The eagle population in Ohio has come a long way since there were only 4 nesting pairs in the whole state 41 years ago in 1979. Seneca County rates 5th in the state with 24 recorded nests.

Currently there are industrial wind projects planned for Seneca County and surrounding counties that would be a severe detriment to the migratory birds and the eagle population in our county and adjacent counties. The projects are specifically Republic Wind Farm 17-2295-EL-BGN and Emerson Creek Wind Farm 18-1607-EL-BGN. If these projects are sited and built it is not a question if eagles will be killed, but when. Just recently in Bowling Green, Ohio a eagle was killed at the landfill where there are just two wind turbines.

<https://www.toledoblade.com/local/environment/2020/05/01/Bald-eagle-killed-by-wind-turbine-at-Wood-County-site/stories/20200503028>

Between the two wind projects mentioned above, there are over 100 turbines planned. I can only imagine what devastation that the turbines would do to bird populations across the hundreds of square miles that these projects are sited for.

I would like to stress that in Seneca County, the eagles need larger territories than eagles nesting along rivers and lakes. These nests are further apart in Seneca County for that reason. Eagle nests should have at least 2.5-mile buffer zone from industrial wind turbines. I live in the footprint of Republic Wind and have seen multiple eagles through out the last couple of years within a mile or two of my home. The reported nests within proximity of my home are 4 to 5 miles away. So, I have seen firsthand that eagles are traveling more than 2.5 miles from the nest.

Siting these projects would be incredibly irresponsible to the environment. This issue is just another reason that these projects should be denied. I urge you to deny these projects.

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