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The following testimony is for case no. 19-1641-EL-BGN

This was intended to be spoken by me during the hearing, however I was not called on soon enough. I had to get off the call to clock back in from my lunch break at work.

My name is Aaron Jones and I am a licensed massage therapist and a trained herbalist in the foundations of western herbalism.

I am also an avid gardener, as well as someone that is active and engaged with the environmental movement and justice for all people.

What I know to be true, is that if OSU is allowed to have a heating and electric power plant that is run on fracked gas, it will only add to the already existing problems that we face from Climate Change. Even people who have been denying Climate Change for decades are now saying it is real! We can't afford to continue investing in outdated technologies.

As an avid gardener, I don't need any human being to tell me what fossil fuels have been doing and continue to do, to my ability to tend to the plants that provide food and medicine for myself and my community. My AC bills, the data of recorded storm activity, clients with stress and anxiety related to environmental issues, increased asthma rates, auto-immune diseases, etc. etc. all show me the trend.

All of this points to the fact that we need to turn away from energy sources that are threatening our very existence. The vulnerable among us human beings have been warning us for years, and are now screaming out in the hopes to be heard. Among them are Black, Indigenous, POC, and LGBTQ+ voices.


The consistent new setting of record high temperatures, droughts, floods, MRSA - SARS and now this pandemic, etc. are but a taste of what's to come if you allow OSU to use dangerous energy sources. What do all of these things I just mentioned have to do with where OSU is getting it's energy from for this proposed heating and electric power plant? It's simple. Everything in life is interconnected and interdependent. Just ask any child that has been taught the food web. When one species is missing, it affects all the others. When we throw off one system on the planet, it affects all of the other systems; including human social structures.

This leads me to a list of demands I have for the Ohio Power Sitting board:

1. Stand with and for the Green New Deal resolution as proposed by Representative Alexandria Ocasio Cortez for an Equitable, Just, and Sustainable future. No one wins, unless we all win; and that includes Black, Indigenous, POC, and LGBTQ+ people!
2. Reject the proposal for the gas plant.
3. Consider other sources of energy that are renewable and sustainable. We must follow the example of many indigenous cultures from around the world, and consider our great, great,

great, great, great grandchildren when we are making any decision of significant consequence. Thank you to the Iriqouis Nation for exposing me, and now this room, to this concept.

4. Hold another hearing when the students of OSU, who will be most impacted by this decision, are able to be present. Holding this in the summer, and in the middle of a pandemic, is shady to say the least. (To note- this hearing didn't have easy access either. It might not seem like a lot to do, but in my experience it was very user unfriendly)!

Thank you, I have nothing further. 

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I am writing to you regarding Case No. 19-1641-EL-BGN, proposed gas fueled power plant on the West Campus of The Ohio State University. Having lived in both Upper Arlington and Grandview Heights, I can imagine direct impact on the air quality in those areas by a gas fueled power generation. Please hold a second hearing on this plan to allow further input. There would seem to me to be no need to use fossil fuel when renewable energy sources are very possible. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sylvia Moore 

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