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My name is Thomas Rothgery, residing at 361 E Northwood ave, Columbus, OH, 43201.

I want to draw attention to many of the speakers who are in support of this methane-burning plant. Michael Bertolone, who supports the plant on the grounds that it will provide jobs for his union's workers, however as seen in the live chat on the youtube stream of the hearing, he says that Local 18 supports all proposed construction projects, no matter what energy they produce. So in effect, his endorsement of this proposal is not indicative of this proposal being especially excellent, it is simply that they support all projects that will provide their workers with work. This is not an attack on Bertolone's character, but it should be noted that if they support all construction proposals, that means that their support of this one in particular is not reflective of anything specifically positive about 19-1641-EL-BGN. Professor Stocker has ties and research funding from companies whose success rely on the continued use of fossil fuels: Ford Motor Company and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Further, I believe the idea that emissions will be reduced by this plant is based on faulty or perhaps even purposefully dishonest calculations. Yes, emissions may be reduced specifically on campus, but the devastating effects that this proposal will have elsewhere in the world, by funding fracking, are NOT taken into account. The net environmental impact is not a net positive. The only way it can be perceived as such is if you cannot conceive of a world that extends past OSU Columbus Campus' borders. I don't want reductions of campus emissions if the pathway towards that goal involves worsening the environment someplace else. The emissions are not being reduced, they are being moved somewhere else. It isn't *real* change, it is a facade. I demand a rejection of proposal 19-1641-EL-BGN. I want my tax dollars to fund genuine and bold change towards renewable energy, not this half-baked dishonest dreck.

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