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I am a life long Columbus resident, senior at Ohio State, and student employee.

This pandemic could have unforeseen consequences on how higher education is conducted. This past spring and summer semester have shown that most university business can be conducted completely remotely. This upcoming semester, all of my classes and my job will be online. I won't set foot into an OSU building until earliest, January 2021, and haven't been in one since March. OSU students and a large portion of staff aren't using OSU infrastructure right now. We should be able to put off expanding and building a gas plant for now. The landscape of energy, and of higher education could be completely different in the next couple of years.

I'd like to see efforts made to beautify campus instead. West campus houses the Byrd Climate Center, athletic fields, parks, and agricultural facilities. It would be ironic to build a gas plant in the most nature focused, nicest looking, and peaceful part of campus. This ugly gas plant would not only be seen by students but also by Columbus natives driving by on 315.

Additionally, it is also worth noting that union jobs created by this gas plant project would also be created by any alternative OSU construction project.

Finally, I'd like to talk about money. In recent years OSU, a public university, has been privatizing its' resources. Parking was sold to CampusParc which was formed by Australian investment managers. Energy to leased to Engie which is a company headquartered in France. It makes sense that OSU Energy Partners/Engie is putting people over profits with this gas plant. If profits were not the driving motive, I don't think I would have to be here testifying against a gas plant that I do not support being built on my campus. Thank you.

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