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To the members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,
Case number: 20-0417-EL-BGN

We do NOT consent to the building of another wind turbine industry surrounding our home. Our family of four would like the board to consider the fact that we have previously moved our family out of a different county that encouraged more turbines only 2 years ago. We fear that we will be forced to uproot our home again. Only this time, we are caring for nearby loved ones and our children have fallen in love with school friends.

Additionally, we ask that you consider the following impacts on our small town, Grover Hill: Enough is enough. There are over 350 turbines to our west and south.

They are of no direct benefit to our family.

With Paulding County being an AEZ, the wind company does NOT pay the full amount of taxes to our local government and schools to benefit the locals. This form of tax evasion is plain WRONG.

The wind company is asking for a height up to 620 foot. The St. Louis Arch is 630 foot. We do not consent to industrial turbines the height of the Arch surrounding our rural home. Wind turbines are made with industrial equipment. Grover Hill is not zoned for industry. We have not seen industrial zoning on the ballot.

Are you aware that the World Health Organization (WHO) has established that infrasound from turbines can disturb sleep, contributing to hypertension and cardiovascular disease in individuals by the casted shadows? Turbine noise, shadow flicker, and especially infrasound cause sleep disturbance, depression, vertigo, posterior head pain, migraines, dizziness, stress, and even cognitive impairment. Other medical doctors are concerned that wind turbines can negatively affect brain development in children. They have been known to trigger seizures and other traumatic health concerns for those suffering from PTSD. Countless testimonials have been voiced, yet ignored by the wind companies for more than 15 years. This proves how inconsiderate the wind industry is.

Living near turbine placement is not safe. The current 1,225 foot setback is not a safe distance according to the turbine manufacturers' manuals. They warrant 3,280 feet to ensure safety to nonparticipating neighbors during a thunderstorm. We get plenty of thunderstorms and tornado threats in our area.

There have been at least 2 confirmed blade throws from the current turbines erected to our west and south. One struck and damaged a home because of its close proximity.

The impact on wildlife is irreversible. Birds and bats die. Deer are frightened by the persistent construction, which leads to a change in rooting and bedding. This drives them to heavily populate in other areas. During hunting season, this endangers the hunters due to the congestion in those areas.

There are lease holders that are local officials who stand to benefit from not informing the public of this proposal. Using their elected position for personal and financial gains is unethical.

Are you aware that on August 18, 2020, the Supreme Court of Australia ruled that the noise from industrial wind turbines is an unlawful noise nuisance?

There has been a significant increase in litigation cases against the wind industry by residents suffering from the noise and torture from wind turbines. This suggests a failed planning process that has infringed on human rights.

Collectively, these points violate our constitutional right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Has our small community been delegated as an experiment area for taller wind turbines? Do we, as homeowners, have no say in matters that threaten our livelihood and happiness in our own homes for which we have pridefully worked and passed on by generations? Are we not in a democracy? Since when can something that will impact a homeowner so negatively be forced upon them without their say in the matter?! This is evidence of dictatorship. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Lastly, we implore you to consider what is happening in small communities where financial gains are overpowering Christian values and neighborly respect. This Grover Hill Wind application has attacked and began to divide our rural area of loving, giving, hardworking friendly neighbors for financial gains. This is not the definition of liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

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