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My name is Amy Howard. I live at 22854 State Route 104 Circleville which is directly adjacent to the proposed project area. At one time, I owned this property along with the current landowner Richard Howard. I am not in agreement with this project and I have many concerns in opposition to it.

This is an industry that you're constructing. Why have you chosen agricultural and residential land instead of industrial property?

Property Value Concerns...

My home and a rental property that I own sit on approximately 20 acres and has an appraised value of approximately one million dollars, and with today's selling real estate prices could very well be more. The impact this project will have on my property value will be devastating. The negative effects of this type of industry lowering everyone's property values in the area are a fact. Who would want to live next to this project? Would any of you? The presence of a project of this nature is a sore sight for eyes. There seems to be a variety of short-term and long-term risks associated with this type of project within agricultural and residential areas, and a decrease in value and condition of these family properties during the project's lifetime and after the abandonment.

Environmental Concerns

What will this project do to the soil? The air? What kind of devastation will be done to this farmland? How much of its topsoil will be removed. Will it be farmable when this project commences and it returns back to farmland. Who restores this land? Can it even return back to farmland. And if not, then what? Will this land have limited use due to a variety of reasons such as environmental or damage/materials left above or below the ground. Will the landowner acquire new requirements and regulations placed on the land or potential liabilities associated with the land. How far down into the soil will be effected? How much hazardous material will be injected into this soil? If any of the material that is used becomes damaged by wind, fire, hail, etc. whose responsibility is it to repair it. And how soon is that repair addressed and completed? Could damaged material release toxins into the environment? The decommissioned material turns into waste and contains toxic materials and results in land, water and air pollution. So I ask... What are the health risks? Who maintains the land,...mowing, weed control, etc. This project will forever change this farmland and the surrounding agricultural land and its residents.

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My sole source of water is a well. Will my only source of water become contaminated? What will this project be putting into our ground that will affect our water source. Our family drinks this water, I cook, wash dishes, laundry and clean using this water. We bathe using this water. I have a 6 month old granddaughter that is at my house 2 times a week and many weeks more often. I use this water to wash her bottle and feeding utensils. You all know she'll drink from the water hose more than once while at the house over her childhood years. What are you going to expose her to. What are you exposing all of us to through the well water. Again, what are the health risks. How about the noise and air pollution as well.

What happens if this project is abandoned a few years down the road. These promised payments stop. This project abandoned will decrease land value once again and create a nightmare of clean up and future land use.

Which brings me to my final and quite frankly my most heartfelt concern. My children. Rick and I have four grown children together. I'm assuming that this land will eventually be passed to them from their father, as well as our home passed to them from me. If the health and environmental risks are not enough in themselves, what other things will they be inheriting? I don't want to leave my children with problems. Less valuable/unusable agricultural land. Governmental red tape. Conversing with answering machines. High costs to attempt to try and repair, restore, reuse and redevelop. Legal fees. What about our family home where I now reside? How much of a loss will they have to endure with it as well. Don't we always want to leave our children and grandchildren in a much better place than we were ourselves?

Answer me this. With these unanswered questions and concerns, how is all this a good thing?