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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brenda DeLong and I am writing this to show my support of the Reinecke referendum. I live in the Blue Creek wind footprint in Van Wert County. When wind turbines were brought into our community, we had no local authority on the project. I feel a local vote is of the utmost importance considering what my community has been through. While many in our community were not in favor of wind turbines at the beginning, our biggest concerns have become a nightmare reality. As I write this letter, I am sitting in Columbus where it is peaceful, no noise from wind turbines, no flicker, and no red blinking lights. Most would think Columbus would be noisier than living in rural Van Wert County. Not so, the whoosh of the turbines can be heard inside my home even when I have a TV or radio playing. It is difficult to sit outside on summer nights because of the noise. This noise has completely disrupted my quality of life. The flicker caused by turbines is one issue, but the noise turbines create can be unbearable at times. I had to leave my home several times when a turbine was making a siren like sound. No rural resident should ever have to deal with this industrial nuisance without a say. It goes against the very zoning principles that separate industrial land use versus agricultural and residential land use. It is essential this vote should come from those community members living around proposed turbines, not someone who lives in a nearby or far away city or town. In addition, no vote should be cast by someone who owns the land, but does not live close to where turbines are being proposed. If I were to take you to many of my neighbors' homes in the community, the message would be redundant. Unfortunately, the ones who tolerate having turbines are lease holders or are getting a good neighbor agreement. Also, many of them do not want turbines, but are not at liberty to say anything against them due to contractual obligations designed intentionally by the wind developer. I have even had neighbors move to another part of the county to get away from the turbines.

In closing, I ask that you listen to the ones who would be living around wind turbines. My community is living proof that a local say is right and just. I ask that you support the Reinecke referendum.

Thank you for your time.

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