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To: Representatives and State Senators

From: John Dignan Venedocia, Ohio

My name is John Dignan and I'm a resident in Van Wert County within the footprint of the Long Prairie Wind Project.

I'm writing in support of "The Reineke Referendum" allowing for a vote, authorizing the installation of wind turbine electric generation systems in Rural Ohio Communities, by the residence within the footprint of the project.

I grew up in Cleveland and moved to my home in Beautiful Van Wert County in 1976 hoping to become part of the agricultural industry while building our lifetime home.

I have been successful in Ag- Business and my wife and I have built a beautiful home for our now extended family on our 6 acres carved out of a 50 acre farm field.

Now looking forward to retirement my family is threatened by land owners surrounding our property, wanting to install industrial electric generation using 660 foot tall structures.

This is personal for me and I hope as you vote on these issues you take it personally too. How would your family react?

We love to Star Gaze. Currently you can walk out our door, on any clear night and see nothing but stars from horizon to horizon. After completion of these projects, all our eyes will see is blinking red lights.

Did you ever stop to look at a beautiful view with your family? Perhaps on the beach or in the mountains? Today I can look in any direction and see a beautiful view. After construction all we will see is Wind Turbines.

Have you ever spent time watching the beauty of the sun rise or sunset? We do. Almost daily. After construction we will see turbine blades flashing through the sun.

Shadow flicker is a big concern. Imagine your favorite area in the park with shadows flickering once per second, continually.

As the seasons change we can watch the birds and butterflies as they migrate freely. All this activity stops or is severely disrupted by these projects.

Communities become extremely divided when these projects get introduced. When I first heard of the proposed project in my area I was mad. I thought "How can anyone destroy my community and home environment". I know that most of the land owners receiving large cash proceeds don't live in the area. They own the land but someone else farms the land. Most if not all of the other land owners also have vacation homes and don't spend their years appreciating the local environment.