

Committee,

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To: Representative Lambert

My name is Patricia Miller and I have been a resident in Waterford Landing, 2.8 miles from Dovetail Energy located on Herr Road since 2014, before the biodigester was operating. I selected my home and this area because it was close to my job with the City of Fairborn and now WPAFB. I was excited to be building my first new home and it was to be my forever home as I work toward retirement, this is where I chose to live.

When the odors began assaulting our community, I went to Bath Township meetings to learn what was going on. Appalled at what I had heard and how this business came to be, I wanted to support the community and anyone else who was suffering from the foul nature of this business and the impact on our quality of life, health and general wellbeing.

Now here we are in 2023, still fighting. It is worse than ever. It is hurting us in so many ways and where do we go, who can help? How can they help? Why is it allowed? Why is it taking so long for someone to care? I am not a medical professional or a scientist or even an environmental agent so I have to put my trust in those that can speak to that, and so far it has been let down after let down. I have a job, I am good at my job, I need people who sit in the positions that can levy changes to remedy this situation to be good at theirs.

Here is how it hurts me, here is what bothers me and makes me angry:

1. First and foremost, my health. WHAT AM I BREATHING IN? It permeates our homes and almost smells like a gaseous build up if we do not open our windows. We close them to keep the smell out but once the smell dissipates outside, then we have to open our windows to "air it out", so A/C and Heat.... all messed up. Now on repeat because the frequency of the smell has increased greatly. Sore throats, headaches, nose bleeds – none of which I had before the biodigester.
2. IS IT IN OUR WATER? How can it not be??? A lot of people in the community have shared experiences of foul smells coming up thru the drains. I have owned other homes; this has never been an issue until here.
3. Outdoor activities dependent on what Renergy trucked in and how bad it is going to ruin our evenings/early mornings and sometimes now throughout the entire day. Driving home from an evening in Kettering, Beaver creek or Bellbrook on a summer evening with the window down and enjoying fresh air...until you reach the cesspool of Fairborn/Bath Township...then you just want to puke. It is rancid. It is disgusting. It is not fair to us.
4. The noxious odors are not only becoming more frequent but the areas being affected are spreading. People in Yellow Springs are talking about it, Beaver creek is noticing, people I work with at WPAFB who do not even live in the area, only have to drive thru it to get to work are noticing and everyone is verbal about how awful it is and always ask, what are they going to do?
5. Our roads...we have to tolerate sludge trucks tearing up our roads and slopping sludge all over as they race to drop off their potent and disgusting loads.
6. Property value – much discussion on this topic within our community. We are paying our taxes on property that we do not feel is going to retain it's value, not to mention it is simply criminal to not be able to enjoy the property I am paying for due to the decision someone else made for this community without any warning or discussion or vote from the people that would have to live with it.

Million Dollar Question...what are we going to do? How can this be fixed?

Do I think a cover over it will fix the problem? I don't. I think the only solution is for them to be shut down. They should have never been allowed to operate this business in this area in the manner in which they do. And

EPA...well...I will never look at that operation in a positive light after the many times they have turned their back on this. Nobody wants to be accountable, so we suffer.

It is taking a toll on us physically as well as mentally. It is embarrassing. It is wrong. It is a shame.

Respectfully,

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