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Dear Ohio General Assembly:

**Subject: Approve the Reineke Referendum – HB 401 and SB 236**

My late husband and I built my present home 53 years ago in Groton Township, Erie County, Bellevue. We have lived and raised our family in this quiet, semi-rural sub-division every sense. If OPSB and State of Ohio allow Apex Clean Energy to install 71 industrial wind turbines (IWT) within the Emerson Creek Wind Farm (18-1607-EL-BGN), there will be 11 IWTs in our immediate backyard – 2 of them within 0.9 mile and the other 9 within 2.0 miles with the ability to see almost all 71 of them.

I do **NOT** need Union Executives to write a “canned contractor support letter” and instruct hundreds of construction workers who do **NOT** live in this area and who will commute home every night to sign and submit their support as a condition of employment.

I do **NOT** need Apex Executives to write a “canned lease holder support letter” and instruct leaseholders to sign and submit their support as a condition to collect their monthly lease payments. Participating farmers/land owners have had the time (at least 10 years) to re-locate their residency to other cities/townships so they will **NOT** be impacted by the turbines that they are “publicly” supporting.

I am writing because I want my voice and vote heard. Around December 2018, the Bellevue non-participating public started to hear tidbits regarding IWTs/wind farms. I have **NOT** had the opportunity in the last ten (10) years to sell my house as participating leaseholders had. Both Apex and the Ohio Farm Bureau have not been informative or open with their communication to the general non-participating community. **Who is going to reimburse me for the loss value of my home?** Is Apex or the State of Ohio going to reimburse me the difference on my devaluated house?

Over the years, I have observed numerous storms roll through this area where the water table has been so high and the flooding occurs from underground. The karst is very fragile in this area and Apex is proposing to build turbines on/in Ohio’s largest karst area – the Bellevue/Castalia. I am very concerned about the weight of these IWTs (both above and below the ground) resulting in additional flooding and contaminated water.

As a senior citizen, I am concerned about the impact these IWTs will have on my health (heart, sleep deprivation, noise, flicking shadows, etc.) and my ability to sell my house.

My house is my biggest investment and I was considering selling this year to fund my nursing home days. President Trump recently stated, if you can see an IWT from your home, your home just lost 65% of its value. **Who will buy my home now? Do you expect me to abandon my home without compensation?**

Therefore, I am respectfully asking the Ohio General Assembly to allow each local township to vote on their future. Thank you for your consideration.

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