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March 17, 2023

Senator Sean McCann  
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RE: Consumers Energy 20-mile High Voltage Powerline Antwerp Township, Van Buren County

Senator McCann,

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Antwerp Township Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting wherein we heard opposition to the proposed Crandall High Voltage Line in Van Buren County. Residents of Antwerp Township, along with residents of Almena, Paw Paw, and Lawrence Townships were all present to state their opposition.

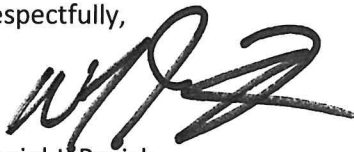
Antwerp citizens, by and large, are objecting to the placement of Consumer's powerlines because of safety concerns, reduced property values, and the negative impact on Portman Preserve. The preserve offers 189 acres of high-quality prairie fen, wetland, savanna and woodland habitats. It is blessed with water from three lakes, a creek, and hundreds of springs. The area is also home to an astounding number of rare, threatened, and endangered plant and animal species. The inventory includes 447 types of plants, over 20 types of mammals, 107 types of birds, more than 24 types of reptiles and amphibians, and at least 35 types of butterflies. A high voltage line coming even close to this habitat would certainly be detrimental.

Antwerp Township Board Trustees implores you to encourage AEP/Indiana Michigan Power and Consumers Energy to renegotiate the use of AEP substation facility located in Lawrence, Michigan. If an agreement could be reached, we feel the construction of this monstrosity could be avoided. We understand the complexities of this with State and Federal requirements and regulations but are asking for your involvement to facilitate such an agreement as Committee Chair of Energy and Environment.

Enclosed please find our resolution opposing this project and the drafted letter to Consumers Energy requesting the renegotiation with AEP/Indiana Power to use the substation facility in Lawrence, Michigan.

I am available by phone at 269-668-2615 or email [druzick@antwerptownship.com](mailto:druzick@antwerptownship.com).

Respectfully,



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Antwerp Township Supervisor