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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: battery facility opposition

To Whom This May Concern,

I had to sit and think about this quite a bit before I actually put it to paper. There are so many factual reasons for opposing these sites in Brock Township. It is also very personal to myself so I needed to be able to separate the two and show valid reason for this opposition.

As a rural resident, I am opposed to the Greenbelt as a whole. I understand it is to protect forest and prime farmland from urban development but I feel it should cover the entire province and not just the urban centre of Ontario.

I also think rural residents of the greenbelt that are not forested or have farmable land are being penalized unjustly. I believe that there should be a criteria bench mark that should be required and if it is met, then it should be protected. Anywhere in Ontario.

So, that being said, unto my opposition. I will just list my points to make it quicker and easier.

1. Since these sites are both in the Greenbelt; neither should be identified as useable space for such a facility. Many rural residents have been denied severance, rezoning, building etc., in this very township for the fact only that they are in the Greenbelt. Why should the government be able to rezone and restructure as they see fit when we the people of the township have been continually denied.
2. Both of these sites are on prime classed useable farmland. Our farm land and farmers are dwindling at a significant pace. We really need to protect farmable space.
3. We need to protect our water tables and lakes. Both sites are in close proximity to both Lake Simcoe and The Beaver River.
4. Safety and Security. We only have a very small volunteer fire department. Any hazard from this facility could turn very dangerous, very quickly.
5. Flood zone? Now I am not positive about this but it is in close proximity to the Beaver River. It is closer then my place and I am considered flood zone (which is ludicrous). Worth checking this out.
6. Both sites are located on the kings highway. Any hazard would have an impact on the main traffic flow coming up the east side of Lake Simcoe.

There are likely many more reasons for opposition but these are just a few of my concerns. Ontario is a massive province. I am sure there are many more areas that would be much better suited for these facilities.

Please reconsider these areas as they are likely 2 of the last places in this province that they should be situated.

Sincerely,
Barb Lambert