



March 9, 2011

Mr. Reginald Karg, Chairman
Riga Township Planning Commission
12164 Riga Highway
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

Dear Mr. Karg:

I am writing on behalf of the Ohio Association of Broadcasters regarding the proposed construction of wind turbines in Riga Township.

The Ohio Association of Broadcasters (OAB) is the not-for-profit trade group for over-the-air radio and television stations in Ohio. Our member stations take very seriously their responsibility to serve your constituents with local news, weather, emergency information, sports, and entertainment programming.

One of our member television stations, WLMB-TV in Toledo, has indicated the proposal being considered by Riga Township would cause significant interference in the broadcast of the WLMB-TV signal in Lenawee County – both for over-the-air viewers, as well as for local cable companies and satellite providers that rely on the over-the-air signal to re-transmit WLMB-TV to their subscribers.

We respectfully request that you give proper consideration to the technical study commissioned by WLMB-TV. Interference with the WLMB-TV signal – and potentially the signals of other television stations in the Toledo Designated Market Area (DMA), of which Lenawee County is a part – would negatively impact the ability of citizens of Lenawee County to receive the important programming they rely upon from free over-the-air television stations.

We realize that, as an elected official, you have many elements to consider in such an important decision as this, and we appreciate your thorough evaluation of the information provided by WLMB-TV.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christine H. Merritt
President

c: Ms. Karlene Goetz