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1 states that the county board is authorized to deny
 2 requests which fail to satisfy the standards of the
 3 county code and are not in harmony with the purposes
 4 and interests of these regulations and the health,
 5 safety and welfare of the community.
 6 The opinion states in conclusion: As the
 7 McLean County code is currently written, the special
 8 use applicant would have the burden of proving that
 9 the Class VI well would not be a public health or
 10 safety hazard. If the Zoning Board of Appeals makes
 11 findings of fact that the applicant has failed to
 12 meet its burden, the county board would be able to
 13 deny a special use permit.
 14 Number two. The ZBA has precedence to
 15 deny a special use permit application as
 16 demonstrated by its decision to deny Minard Run
 17 under similar circumstances. Members of the public
 18 provided over 20 hours of testimony over five
 19 hearings, almost entirely citizen testimony, in
 20 opposition to Minard Run in 2014 as they requested a
 21 special use permit to frack in the proximity of the
 22 Mahomet Aquifer. The ZBA voted 6 to 0 to deny the
 23 permit application. To quote from then ZBA
 24 Chairperson Sally Rudolph, quote, I cannot vote -- I

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1 cannot vote to take this type of risk on public
 2 health and safety. The county does not have the
 3 resources to watch over this. I do not believe we
 4 have adequate data to be a hundred percent sure this
 5 project will not harm the Mahomet Aquifer. That
 6 quote was from the Pantagraph October 28, 2014.
 7 Three. One Earth has not met the criteria
 8 of the special use permit to demonstrate that the
 9 project will not be detrimental or endanger the
 10 health, safety and welfare of the public. We
 11 believe that the CO2 sequestration would endanger
 12 the health, safety and welfare of the public, and
 13 the burden is on One Earth to dispel any doubts.
 14 Our concerns in this area are three-fold.
 15 One, One Earth's sequestration site as per the EPA
 16 application is located in the proximity of the
 17 Mahomet Aquifer and is in three watersheds that
 18 recharge or feed the Mahomet. On page 59 of One
 19 Earth's application to the EPA, One Earth states:
 20 The One Earth Energy facility and proposed activity
 21 area are within the map boundary of the Sangamon
 22 River near Fisher Upstream Area watershed, Sugar
 23 Creek watershed and the tributary to the Middle Fork
 24 Vermilion watershed which are adjacent to the

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1 Mahomet sole source aquifer. The project review
 2 area for the Mahomet sole source aquifer consists of
 3 the designated sole source aquifer area plus these
 4 three adjacent watersheds that provide recharge to
 5 the Mahomet Aquifer system, quote closed.
 6 Related to that point is the fact that
 7 underground CO2 is buoyant and seeks to move upward.
 8 If prevented from upward movement by capstone, it
 9 spreads laterally under the capstone. When it
 10 arrives at Fisher's abandoned oil wells or the end
 11 of the capstone, these capstones don't exist in
 12 perpetuity, it again moves upward. Daniel Rich
 13 testified to this previously and noted the capstone
 14 for this project is neither uniform in thickness nor
 15 is it flat. It is an angle, at an angle, much like
 16 the sequestration project off the coast of Norway
 17 that experienced unexpected rapid migration of the
 18 sequestered gas both upward and laterally.
 19 Grant Hauber, the author of the global
 20 think tank the Institute for Energy Economics and
 21 Analysis, reports: Quote, once CO2 is injected into
 22 the ground, it is effectively on its own. All
 23 engineers can do to regulate -- is to regulate how
 24 much volume of CO2 is injected at a certain

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1 pressure. They cannot fix leaks in the rock. They
 2 cannot dictate where the CO2 will move. They cannot
 3 stop it from leaking once it starts. I need to read
 4 that again. Once CO2 is injected into the ground,
 5 it is effectively on its own. All engineers can do
 6 is to regulate how much volume of CO2 is injected at
 7 a certain pressure. They cannot fix leaks in the
 8 rock. They cannot dictate where the CO2 will move.
 9 They cannot stop it from leaking once it starts.
 10 The area reviewed is also the geographic
 11 evacuation zone in a serious accident. It includes
 12 Saybrook and Gibson City and the Gibson City School
 13 District including 1,084 children and 161 adults,
 14 staff members. One Earth's emergency response plan
 15 contains no plans for evacuation of the students and
 16 personnel. First responders in the area are
 17 volunteers.
 18 While I do not present the rest of my
 19 testimony as an expert, I would like to address the
 20 impact of having schools in evacuation zones as a
 21 licensed clinical therapist with 20 years of
 22 experience in working in the field of child and
 23 family therapy. We shouldn't be casual with the
 24 mental health of children who live in evacuation

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1 zones. Children who live in anticipated disaster
 2 are more likely to exhibit heightened levels of
 3 anxiety and children who have had to be evacuated
 4 for a wide array of conditions are more likely to
 5 experience long-term psychological impacts such as
 6 disorientation and loss of control that can impact
 7 well-being well into the future.

8 The final point for denying One Earth is
 9 that the ZBA shouldn't get out in front of all the
 10 federal processes that are involved in this
 11 decision. We think this point is pretty simple, and
 12 Lea Cline made it clearly and succinctly, so I won't
 13 make it again. I will just add that the EPA may
 14 very well decide to deny One Earth's sequestration
 15 application. As you've heard from previous
 16 testimony and cross-examination, we the public and
 17 you as Zoning Board of Appeals haven't had access to
 18 much of the information that the EPA has, so how
 19 could we possibly decide before the EPA?

20 We are very grateful for the public input
 21 you have afforded us in this process this evening
 22 and we hope you will deny One Earth's application
 23 based on the testimony you've heard over the last
 24 several weeks. Thank you very much.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Thank you. You have
 2 one? Okay, we'll take that. Any questions from the
 3 board?

4 **MR. DICK:** This will be Objector's Exhibit
 5 2.

6 **MEMBER TURNER:** Do you know the difference
 7 in depth between this case and the one that you're
 8 citing from 2014?

9 **MS. DANNENBRING:** That the one we were
 10 citing from 2014 was an application to do fracking
 11 and they did --

12 **MEMBER TURNER:** I understand that, but how
 13 far, how deep was it?

14 **MS. DANNENBRING:** Yeah, I honestly don't
 15 remember back that in time. The big thing was on
 16 its proximity to the Mahomet Aquifer.

17 **MEMBER TURNER:** I remember the case well.
 18 I just didn't remember the depth. Thank you.

19 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Questions from staff?

20 **MR. DICK:** No.

21 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would anyone in the
 22 audience have questions of this witness? I don't
 23 see anybody, so push that button. Thanks for coming
 24 up.

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1 **MS. DANNENBRING:** Thank you for having me.
 2 **MR. DICK:** Howard Heatherwick?
 3 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Heatherwick, he was
 4 over there, but he's gone.
 5 **MR. DICK:** Julie Prandi?
 6 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you like to be
 7 sworn in?
 8 **MS. PRANDI:** Yes.
 9 (Ms. Julie Prandi was duly sworn.)
 10 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you state your
 11 name and address please?
 12 **MS. PRANDI:** Name's Julie Prandi,
 13 P-R-A-N-D-I.
 14 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You're going to have
 15 to pull it up a little closer, pull it closer to
 16 you.
 17 **MS. PRANDI:** Julie Prandi, P-R-A-N-D-I,
 18 and I live at 905 North Evans Street in Bloomington.
 19 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** I think we got it.
 20 Might want to pull it -- so you're not
 21 uncomfortable, just pull it as close as you want so
 22 we can hear you.
 23 **MS. PRANDI:** Okay. Well, we've already
 24 heard quite a bit about this, so I'll just add a

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1 couple of points here. I also believe that this
 2 permit should not be granted until the federal
 3 regulations are in place, but I have a little bit
 4 other -- just a couple of other points to make.
 5 One Earth has failed to provide -- as
 6 we've seen in previous testimony, they failed to
 7 provide an emergency response plan that was in any
 8 way adequate to the task. We've seen that they
 9 don't have the proper phone numbers to call in case
 10 of an emergency and that they prioritize notifying
 11 company executives rather than emergency teams or
 12 county officials.

13 And the other big concern is of course our
 14 drinking water. As has been mentioned, the well
 15 site is near three watersheds in the vicinity of
 16 Mahomet Aquifer and these watersheds are underground
 17 feeders to recharge the aquifer. It also happened
 18 that the leaky gas fields at Manlove and Ancona,
 19 that was natural gas leaks, are close to the
 20 proposed One Earth site in McLean County, and the
 21 fact is that big leaks occurred there and
 22 compromised crops and water wells.

23 The deep saline aquifers that are
 24 considered to be the viable subsurface CO2 storage

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1 options in McLean County, this is what attracts
 2 people to come to our county to do it because we
 3 have those deep saline aquifers and those have been
 4 declared to be the place that you should do the
 5 sequestration. All right, so those same deep saline
 6 aquifers, that's what they used to sequester the
 7 natural gas at Manlove and Ancona and both have
 8 leaked. And as has been stated, once the leak
 9 happens, really there's no remediation of it. You
 10 can't really stop it. So what does that tell you
 11 about the supposed impermeability of the layers
 12 above the pours?
 13 It's also been mentioned that old wells,
 14 of which we have a lot in our county, can provide a
 15 pathway for CO2 to escape containment and to rise to
 16 the surface. So this idea that science has
 17 established that they can inject it into these
 18 saline aquifers and that that's an ideal place to do
 19 it and it'll be secure for many years into the
 20 future has proven, in the case of gas storage, that
 21 it didn't work and it leaked. And the farmers who
 22 were told -- they were sold a bill of goods there in
 23 Ancona -- that this was going to stay in place, they
 24 were assured it was going to be okay, and we know

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1 now that that didn't happen.
 2 So this is why I also think that you
 3 should not grant this special use permit, that
 4 federal guidelines must come first, and I strongly
 5 urge you to deny the special use permit now and not
 6 consider any such applications until the federal
 7 Class VI well regulations have been finalized.
 8 Thank you.
 9 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You've got to wait a
 10 minute, sorry. Questions from the board?
 11 **MEMBER TURNER:** Do you have any firsthand
 12 knowledge of what caused the leaks?
 13 **MS. PRANDI:** What caused the leaks?
 14 **MEMBER TURNER:** Firsthand knowledge.
 15 **MS. PRANDI:** I don't live in that area.
 16 You know, I've just read newspaper reports, local
 17 newspaper reports about how it happened and the
 18 results of the property owners to their wells and
 19 also the crop damage that came as a result.
 20 **MEMBER TURNER:** Okay, thank you.
 21 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** No, you're not done
 22 yet, sorry.
 23 **MS. PRANDI:** Okay, that's fine.
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Do you know the depth

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1 that they injected the natural gas or what layer it
 2 went into compared to the CO2?
 3 **MS. PRANDI:** Right, this is a good
 4 question, and I don't know the depth, but I do know
 5 that it was a saline aquifer which that has been
 6 often mentioned as a place where it is ideal to
 7 store these gasses because it's supposed to be a
 8 safe place. And in the case of the proposed well,
 9 this is what I've also read, that it's a saline
 10 aquifer where they want to do it, and that makes
 11 sense because that's been established. Many people
 12 believe that that -- I guess engineers have believed
 13 that that is safe, but as I mentioned, it didn't
 14 work for the natural gas storage.
 15 **MEMBER TURNER:** But you don't know the
 16 difference in depth.
 17 **MS. PRANDI:** No, I don't.
 18 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Staff?
 19 **MR. DICK:** Do you know what part of the
 20 Class VI EPA well regulations that are being
 21 changed?
 22 **MS. PRANDI:** Are you talking about what
 23 the EPA is working on as far as they want to
 24 establish? I don't know how I would know that.

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1 **MR. DICK:** You testified that Class VI or
 2 the EPA is changing the regulations for these Class
 3 VI wells. What changes are they making that you're
 4 talking about?
 5 **MS. PRANDI:** Oh. Well, all I've heard --
 6 maybe I misspoke here. I mean what I meant to say
 7 is they haven't completed the regulations on the
 8 Class VI wells; that they're still working on for
 9 CO2 sequestration about what the regulations are
 10 going to be and it hasn't been finalized yet.
 11 That's my understanding.
 12 **MR. DICK:** But you don't know that there
 13 are finalized regulations for Class VI wells?
 14 **MS. PRANDI:** Well, not for CO2.
 15 **MR. DICK:** Yes, there are.
 16 **MS. PRANDI:** Well, I heard that that
 17 hadn't been finalized yet.
 18 **MR. DICK:** Okay.
 19 **MS. PRANDI:** That they're still working on
 20 it. That was my impression.
 21 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would anyone in the
 22 audience have questions about this young lady's
 23 testimony? I think you're okay. You can go now.
 24 Push the button please though.

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1 **MR. DICK:** Pat Quinlan? Adam Leffler or
 2 Keefer? Mike Kerber? Julia Fosdick? Ryan Bottles?
 3 Rodney Landau?
 4 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Bottom right-hand
 5 button. Would you like to be sworn in?
 6 **MR. LANDAU:** Yes.
 7 (Mr. Rodney Landau was duly sworn.)
 8 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you state your
 9 name and address for the record please?
 10 **MR. LANDAU:** Rodney Landau, L-A-N-D-A-U.
 11 17194 North 4000 East Road, Anchor.
 12 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You can go ahead.
 13 **MR. LANDAU:** Start off by saying I'm a
 14 lifelong resident of Anchor Township, lifelong
 15 farmer of Anchor Township. I also am the highway
 16 commissioner for Anchor Township. And I will say
 17 that when the test well was prepared and drilled,
 18 that everything that I asked of them to do for the
 19 road district was done, whether it was having to
 20 wait while the roads were thawed out in the spring
 21 to take equipment in or out, they did what I asked.
 22 Second of all, as a farmer, I would like
 23 to see this go through because I have enjoyed the
 24 last 10 or 15 years of \$7 corn, and there's only one

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1 reason we have had \$7 corn and that is the ethanol
 2 industry. It has been a boon to farmers for the
 3 last 30 years. And if this all goes away because
 4 nobody wants to let any carbon go in the ground, if
 5 we set a precedence here, some other county's going
 6 to deny it, some other county's going to deny it,
 7 some other county's going to deny, and when that
 8 ethanol plant closes, the money that is going to
 9 leave our farming area because of 5 billion bushel
 10 of corn rotting on the ground because nobody's going
 11 to use it, it's going to be a detriment to McLean
 12 County, to Illinois and to Anchor Township. Thank
 13 you.
 14 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Questions from the
 15 board? Staff?
 16 **MR. DICK:** No.
 17 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Anyone in the audience
 18 have questions of this witness? Got one.
 19 **MR. LAGE:** Brent Lage, L-A-G-E. Want my
 20 address?
 21 **MR. DICK:** Yes.
 22 **MR. LAGE:** 18486 North 4100 East Road in
 23 Anchor. Rodney, do you farm several hundred acres
 24 of ground that the ethanol plant owns?

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1 **MR. LANDAU:** I don't believe who owns the
 2 ground that I farm is anybody's business.
 3 **MR. LAGE:** Does he have to answer or --
 4 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** No.
 5 **MR. LAGE:** Have you ever felt that you
 6 farming ground the ethanol plant owns has tied your
 7 hands on taking a stance on a project like this?
 8 **MR. LANDAU:** No.
 9 **MR. LAGE:** Okay, that's all.
 10 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Thank you. Any other
 11 questions? I don't see any. Thanks for coming.
 12 Push the button please.
 13 **MR. LANDAU:** Thank you.
 14 **MR. DICK:** Rachel Shively?
 15 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you like to be
 16 sworn in or affirmed?
 17 (Ms. Rachel Shively was duly affirmed.)
 18 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you state your
 19 name and address please?
 20 **MS. SHIVELY:** Rachel, R-A-C-H-E-L,
 21 Shively, S-H-I-V-E-L-Y. Address is 104 South Moore,
 22 M-O-O-R-E, Street, Bloomington.
 23 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You can go ahead.
 24 **MS. SHIVELY:** Thank you, everyone, for

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1 listening. I urge you to deny the special use
 2 permit for One Earth's three CO2 sequestration
 3 drilling wells. We've been told that the U.S. EPA
 4 is not going to review One Earth's permit until
 5 2025, so I urge you not to approve this special use
 6 permit before the EPA reviews it and the public has
 7 a chance to comment on that application through the
 8 EPA process.
 9 I have deep concerns about the safety of
 10 the people of McLean County and the protection of
 11 our natural resources if CO2 sequestration drilling
 12 begins in McLean County. A couple of weeks ago a
 13 speaker from the oil and gas industry mentioned the
 14 gas leak in Ancona, Illinois, happened because in
 15 the 1950s they didn't know some important things
 16 about drilling, and I wonder what we don't know now
 17 that we'll figure out in 70 years.
 18 CO2 sequestration is a new type of
 19 operation in our area, and from what I understand,
 20 it prevents -- it presents potential hazards. So I
 21 want to have a chance to make my voice heard about
 22 the One Earth project before it moves forward. I'm
 23 very concerned about the protection of our drinking
 24 water since One Earth will be drilling in proximity

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1 of the Mahomet Aquifer and in the watersheds that
 2 feed the aquifer. I'm concerned about who is going
 3 to implement and fund an effective emergency
 4 response plan in case of a leak, and I'm concerned
 5 about equipment maintenance. What I heard from One
 6 Earth last week didn't ease my concerns. For
 7 instance, their emergency plan was not very well
 8 developed as their representatives described it.
 9 In sum, I urge you to deny this
 10 application for special use by One Earth. If the
 11 U.S. EPA isn't going to rule on this permit for two
 12 years, I don't see any rush to pass this permit now.
 13 And most importantly, the public needs to have a
 14 voice regarding CO2 sequestration drilling. Please
 15 don't take away our voice in this matter by
 16 superseding the EPA and approving this special use
 17 permit. I urge you to deny it. Thank you.
 18 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Any questions from the
 19 board?
 20 **MEMBER TURNER:** What's your source on when
 21 the EPA will be reviewing their application?
 22 **MS. SHIVELY:** It was mentioned by several
 23 people last week during the hearing. I believe the
 24 One Earth folks themselves mentioned they submitted

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1 it. Several other speakers have looked on the
 2 website to check the review.
 3 **MEMBER TURNER:** But you didn't see that
 4 yourself.
 5 **MS. SHIVELY:** I did not look it up myself.
 6 **MEMBER TURNER:** Okay.
 7 **MS. SHIVELY:** I listened to it as folks
 8 said, yes.
 9 **MEMBER TURNER:** Okay, thank you.
 10 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Staff?
 11 **MR. DICK:** No.
 12 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Anyone in the audience
 13 have questions?
 14 **MS. DANNENBRING:** Yes.
 15 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You understand we
 16 can't have friendly questions. It's got to be
 17 questions about what she testified to.
 18 **MS. DANNENBRING:** It's something she --
 19 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You can't lead her.
 20 You're on the same team here. You understand.
 21 **MS. DANNENBRING:** Well, let's see. You
 22 can -- you can say no after I ask the question --
 23 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Sure.
 24 **MS. DANNENBRING:** -- but we won't know.

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1 Dawn Dannenbring.
 2 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** She says no. Go
 3 ahead.
 4 **MS. DANNENBRING:** Rachel, would it
 5 surprise you that I looked up on the EPA website and
 6 it said January of 2025?
 7 **MS. SHIVELY:** It wouldn't surprise me, no.
 8 **MS. DANNENBRING:** That's my question.
 9 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Thank you. Any other
 10 questions? I think you can push the button, thank
 11 you. That was a friendly, if you want to know what
 12 it's like. That's not permitted.
 13 **MR. DICK:** James Baker?
 14 **MR. BAKER:** Got all the way around to me.
 15 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you like to be
 16 sworn in?
 17 **MR. BAKER:** I do so -- I do so solemnly
 18 swear that I will tell the truth, the whole truth
 19 and nothing but the truth so help me God.
 20 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** I'm supposed to say
 21 that.
 22 **MR. BAKER:** I stepped on your toes, sorry
 23 about that.
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You can state your

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1 name and address. We'll let you get by with it.
 2 Don't try it again.
 3 **MR. BAKER:** My name is James Baker,
 4 B-A-K-E-R, 10179 North 4000 East, Saybrook. All
 5 right. Well, I came here originally concerned about
 6 my groundwater, but I'm gratified to hear so many
 7 people concerned about my drinking water that I
 8 don't think I need say any more.
 9 One thing that I have not heard anything
 10 about is seismic activity, that is, fault
 11 reactivation or other types of shakings that happen
 12 very frequently. For instance, down at the Decatur
 13 plant has hundreds of recorded earthquakes. They're
 14 all small, ones, twos and threes, but there have
 15 been a few recorded fours in conjunction with CO2
 16 sequestration. I'm not terribly interested in
 17 having my plaster cracked, but I would like to know
 18 more about what they expect.
 19 I live on the southern edge of the
 20 expected plume where they will be doing it. I also
 21 live on a -- the front moraine of the glacial till
 22 that is in Cheney's Grove Township, and I am
 23 concerned that the frequent shaking that accompanies
 24 the expansion of the gasses underground will

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1 possibly liquify the clays that are underneath me
 2 and create a quick clay situation like Rissa,
 3 Norway, or a couple of other sites that have had
 4 sliding events of square miles. And I -- the
 5 technology or the subsurface situation that causes
 6 that is not well understood or published, there's
 7 not much published research on it, so I'm looking
 8 forward to trying to hear more from One Earth and
 9 things about the possible damage to my buildings or
 10 myself sliding downhill into -- across the road into
 11 the neighbor's farm field.
 12 Did they say -- does anyone remember if
 13 they said that they were going to do deformation
 14 monitoring in addition to the quality monitorings?
 15 I was looking forward to hearing something about
 16 that. The -- I'm concerned. I don't have any
 17 reasons to tell you to stop the process, but I don't
 18 have any confidence in their process at this point.
 19 They need to progress a lot farther before I'll
 20 stand up and cheer. Thank you.
 21 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Hang on.
 22 **MR. BAKER:** I'm not leaving. Still got
 23 the button pushed.
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Questions from the

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1 board?
 2 **MEMBER DEAN:** What kind of slope do you
 3 farm there?
 4 **MR. BAKER:** What kind of slope? You mean
 5 the soil types?
 6 **MEMBER DEAN:** Just slope, 2 percent, 1
 7 percent?
 8 **MR. BAKER:** Oh, it's 60 feet in 700 if
 9 that gives you an idea of the percentage.
 10 **MEMBER DEAN:** Yep.
 11 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You've been here most
 12 nights, haven't you? I remember seeing you quite a
 13 bit. Were you here the night when Mr. Whittaker was
 14 talking?
 15 **MR. BAKER:** I don't remember the name, I'm
 16 sorry.
 17 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** The doctor I think,
 18 but he was talking about seismic activity that
 19 night.
 20 **MR. BAKER:** Oh, I missed that, sorry.
 21 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** I just -- I'm not
 22 going to talk about his testimony.
 23 **MR. BAKER:** That's all right.
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** But he's --

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1 **MR. BAKER:** Somebody has, that's fine.
 2 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** I think it's in the
 3 public record for us. His testimony, we've got it
 4 if you want to look through it.
 5 **MR. BAKER:** Thank you kindly.
 6 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** But he did address
 7 that. Question?
 8 **MR. DICK:** There's a recording. You can
 9 go to the -- call the office of Building and Zoning
 10 and you can listen to a recording of any of the
 11 public meetings.
 12 **MR. BAKER:** Okay. Would I have to fish
 13 through the entire thing or are they in -- have it
 14 indexed?
 15 **MR. DICK:** You'd probably have to fish
 16 through the whole thing.
 17 **MR. BAKER:** Okay. Do you remember what
 18 day that was?
 19 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Was it the first
 20 night? It's in the minutes. We'll find out here,
 21 just a second.
 22 **MR. BAKER:** I can talk to you after,
 23 that's fine. That's okay, we'll do that. We'll --
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Call our office, ask

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1 Phil after the meeting. It's in our minutes when he
 2 testified. I don't know if it was the first night
 3 or second night.
 4 **MR. DICK:** It was October 24th.
 5 **MR. BAKER:** Oh, I did miss that one.
 6 October 24th? Thank you very much. I'll write that
 7 down.
 8 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Anyone in the audience
 9 have questions of this witness? Got one.
 10 **MR. BAKER:** Okay.
 11 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** You can handle it.
 12 **MR. LANDAU:** Rodney Landau, L-A-N-D-A-U,
 13 17194 North 4000 East Road. Could I get you to
 14 state your address again please?
 15 **MR. BAKER:** 10179 North 4000.
 16 **MR. LANDAU:** Thank you.
 17 **MR. BAKER:** Yes.
 18 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Any other questions?
 19 Push the button, I think you're okay, thank you.
 20 **MR. DICK:** Carl Corman or Couran? Could
 21 you see what we have out there? John Meiners?
 22 **MR. MEINERS:** John Meiners, 16791 North
 23 4000 East Road, Anchor, Illinois.
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Hang on a minute.

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1 **MR. DICK:** Did you get his address?
 2 (Requested portion read by the court
 3 reporter.)
 4 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you like to be
 5 sworn in or affirmed?
 6 **MR. MEINERS:** Sworn in is fine.
 7 (Mr. John Meiners was duly sworn.)
 8 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** And we got your
 9 address, so you can go ahead.
 10 **MR. MEINERS:** Well, we were talking about
 11 the wells tonight, correct?
 12 **MR. DICK:** Could you pull that thing right
 13 up to you?
 14 **MR. MEINERS:** How about that?
 15 **MR. DICK:** Yeah.
 16 **MR. MEINERS:** We were talking about these
 17 three wells specifically, correct, and the location.
 18 So I think I've got a unique thing that I can give
 19 you some information about. You've heard plenty of
 20 science about this. Let's talk about the wells
 21 themselves, okay. First of all, a little background
 22 on --
 23 **MR. DICK:** Could you come a little closer?
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** It's actually better

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1 up here.
 2 **MEMBER TURNER:** He can take it out and
 3 hold it.
 4 **MR. MEINERS:** How about that? First of
 5 all, I also am an investor in One Earth Energy.
 6 I've been in it since the beginning. We went
 7 through the rough times at first, then we came back
 8 out, and truthfully there's only one reason I
 9 invested, because of Steve Kelly. He's been a
 10 tremendous asset to us. And I farm right beside --
 11 Tyler has done the work of negotiating with. I farm
 12 by his father and his cousin Rick, a nephew.
 13 So anyway I've talked to these people,
 14 they're wonderful people. I don't like people
 15 putting such a negative on them. They've got their
 16 ideas. The science is out there. The science to me
 17 is unproven, we don't know, we can argue that, but
 18 what I do know about is the location of these three
 19 wells because I grew up on well number three. My
 20 whole family did. My uncle owned that, Elmer
 21 Meiners, for over 60 years.
 22 What I do know, I farm across the street.
 23 Meiners Brothers is our family corporation. There's
 24 five of us, my sister and four brothers. I know

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1 every inch of that farm ground out there. So my
 2 question is let's talk about well three if that's
 3 okay. There are some problems that our family
 4 brought up because we took this -- Tyler gave us a
 5 great PDF file. We sent it to all of my brothers in
 6 Arizona, I think so, so everybody got this.
 7 Leases -- and believe me, these leases are
 8 lucrative. There's a lot of money at stake on these
 9 leases. We didn't like our lawyer's recommendation
 10 too much because he strongly advised us to not to
 11 sign that lease. That hurt a little bit I'm going
 12 to tell you.
 13 So why did we basically not sign this?
 14 Because of liability issues. In this territory that
 15 we're talking about, this mile and a half, there are
 16 six pipelines that come across and they come right
 17 on this well, this 320 acres that was my uncle's
 18 farm. It's -- and you know there was an accident
 19 where the farmer hit the well with a trencher, it
 20 exploded, and him and his son were killed in 2017.
 21 This is directly related to my neighbor, so I've had
 22 a lot of information with it.
 23 So the point being they came -- when that
 24 happened, they came back with a lot of, a lot of

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1 retraining us, going through it, and the first thing
 2 they -- three of the pipelines are on our ground.
 3 They cut -- they want 5 feet of cover crop -- of
 4 cover ground not cover crop, and ours qualified, we
 5 were great. Trouble is, he says next we're going to
 6 run this -- it's called a pig. They run this
 7 through the pipeline, they check for anomalies.
 8 Well, sure enough, there's anomalies. So they've
 9 been fixing them since this, and even this summer
 10 there's a 20-foot section fixed right beside our
 11 well.
 12 I talked to the engineer a little bit.
 13 They're not going to give us any information. He
 14 very casually said, well, you know, everything in
 15 America is old. Do you realize these pipelines have
 16 been underground a while? I said I was a kid when
 17 they was put in, so let's just says it's a while
 18 ago, okay?
 19 The next time, on the other side of well
 20 three, there's three more pipelines. They carry --
 21 two of them are on my cousin's ground, who passed
 22 away this year, so he did not pass the 5 foot test.
 23 His ground -- his pipeline there, he told me this,
 24 is 14 to 18 inches deep, so they're negotiating with

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1 that. The tenant cannot deep till, deep rip, and
 2 some of the next neighbors have put alfalfa over the
 3 strip. So these were concerns that our lawyer
 4 brought to us.
 5 Now, sometimes there's -- the other
 6 problem he brought forth was the Mackinaw River runs
 7 directly through this 320 acres. There are two
 8 drainage district tiles. One comes from ours to the
 9 south, one comes from the east. These will be going
 10 directly underneath this location for number three.
 11 What that does -- I don't know if you know what a
 12 drainage district tile does. Drains the area. The
 13 tiles get bigger to the creek. This is an
 14 expressway for the water to go directly to the
 15 creek.
 16 Third problem with things, I've just
 17 clarified I don't have to say house of worship,
 18 there's our church right there. In three years
 19 we're celebrating 150th anniversary. My brother's
 20 on the church council and he was just -- it's such a
 21 peaceful quiet. Cemetery's there. It just felt
 22 wrong for us to support that.
 23 So usually you say, well, what can we do?
 24 There's always compromises. My brother and I drove

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1 around this area and there's one compromise that's
 2 very easy, and it won't answer a lot of the
 3 questions or solve any of the problems, but one mile
 4 away is the county line road. You go three miles
 5 south, you have this. The only really science we
 6 know is what that monitor well tells us.
 7 So you've got that well there. You know
 8 the geography there. Tyler, Mike, those guys,
 9 Steve, they say it's safe, they want it. It just
 10 seems a much safer place to put those wells there.
 11 You also need a shorter pipeline; you won't have to
 12 go three, four miles. So they're happy, they get
 13 the leases, Steve's happy he gets the carbon
 14 credits, that's one option.
 15 There's another option that's down the
 16 thing. New technology. I mean, MIT just came out
 17 with a study. Everybody says sequestration is one
 18 solution, but it's not the only one. You can read
 19 their article and I've got the information if you do
 20 need it. They are producing electricity from CO2,
 21 and the goal of every plant is to be carbon neutral
 22 and self-sufficient with their electricity. There's
 23 going to be a substation right there. Wouldn't it
 24 be a great program if we could -- the trouble with

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1 solar and wind, you can't have steady power, so they
 2 want to backfill this to give you steady
 3 electricity. Wouldn't that be a wonderful solution
 4 if we could just harvest the carbon, use it, instead
 5 of worrying about the sequestering?
 6 I don't know if that helps you any more,
 7 but I just like to show there's a lot of problems
 8 there, and maybe there's some solutions that we
 9 haven't even thought about.
 10 The third problem that was kind of bad our
 11 lawyer brought up, excuse me, was they use the term,
 12 we should quit using it, fizzy water. If it leaks,
 13 it's just fizzy water. Where well three is, when I
 14 was a kid, they came out and tested for coal. Guess
 15 what? We had a lot of coal there. Trouble is high
 16 sulfur and very dirty coal. So we also have these
 17 brine -- they're talking these brine ponds and that.
 18 So you know if you take -- I'm not a chemist, but
 19 you know if you take CO2, sulfur, dirty metals and
 20 salt, it's not going to come up as fizzy water.
 21 So I just wanted to kind of show you that
 22 this location has its liabilities and that's the
 23 reason -- that's the only reason we did not sign up
 24 and take the lease. Okay.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Hang on. Questions
 2 from the board?
 3 **MR. BAKER:** Oh, and I was an Anchor
 4 fireman for 25 years. This emergency, we're not
 5 equipped on the fire departments. I don't know what
 6 -- we've got to study that a lot more than what's
 7 there.
 8 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Staff?
 9 **MR. DICK:** No.
 10 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Anyone in the audience
 11 have questions of this witness? Thanks for coming
 12 up, appreciate your testimony.
 13 **MR. DICK:** Sally Lasser?
 14 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you like to be
 15 sworn in?
 16 **MS. LASSER:** Yes please.
 17 (Ms. Sally Lasser was duly sworn.)
 18 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you state your
 19 name and address for the record?
 20 **MS. LASSER:** My name is Sally Lasser. My
 21 legal address is 4177 Whitetail Court, Joliet,
 22 Illinois. In the ag community, there's a lot of
 23 talk about absentee landowners and I'm an absentee
 24 landowner to my Joliet town house. I've been in

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1 this area at my farm for several years now.
 2 So I'll proceed by saying I'm the owner of
 3 R Wildflower Farm & Fields, LLC, which is located at
 4 40760 East 1500 North Road, Gibson City. I'd like
 5 to tell you a little bit about me and the farm. My
 6 father purchased the 160 acre piece back in the late
 7 '90s. He told me it was rolling, hilly and quite
 8 pretty. He quickly became involved with
 9 conservation practices on many levels, but to make
 10 this story shorter, I'll say it led to an Illinois
 11 Land Improvement project that was open to the public
 12 during its construction. Many came together to plan
 13 and execute this project that included digging a
 14 lake. My father continued to report his activities
 15 to me of planting specific grasses and flowers to
 16 meet the program requirements. He planted 5,000
 17 trees on the property that were a mix of hardwoods
 18 and evergreens, many oak varieties and spruce
 19 varieties. Those trees today are about 20 years
 20 old. Some are two stories high.
 21 He had enrolled in and created at least
 22 27.4 acres of CRP or conservation ground. Some of
 23 those practices have since expired and I have
 24 currently 16 acres of active CRP that I maintain and

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1 manage. The CRP practices that have expired still
 2 remain even though I'm no longer receiving income
 3 from them. Two are windbreaks which aid our ag
 4 fields in slowing wind erosion.
 5 To back up a bit, after my dad's passing
 6 in 2007, my siblings, we attempted owning farms
 7 together. By 2013 I became operations manager for
 8 our family farming business where I began what my
 9 father -- I'm sorry, where I began to understand
 10 what my father had created because I needed to tend
 11 to its management. After a painful family
 12 separation and ten long years of legal disputes, I
 13 bought the property at auction in 2019 and became
 14 its sole owner. I've been passionate about this
 15 beautiful place and want to honor my dad's legacy.
 16 I've taken my piece to include going
 17 organic. My cropland has been certified organic for
 18 two years after a three year transition cycle. This
 19 property I'm telling you of has windbreaks, field
 20 borders, restored native prairie, waterways and
 21 filter strips. Of 160 acres, about 105 is tillable
 22 cropland. This has become habitat for wildlife,
 23 such as deer, pheasant, coyote, fox, raccoon,
 24 possum, badgers, rabbits, and lately four river

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1 otters have moved in. I've witnessed monarch
 2 migrations and rare bird sightings, such as owls
 3 from the tundra and a duck that belongs in Mexico.
 4 This is a safe haven for our bees and beneficial
 5 insects. I've witnessed abundant stars, meteor
 6 showers and even captured pictures of northern
 7 lights.
 8 Because of its unique qualities, I've
 9 invited a wide variety of agricultural, conservation
 10 and learning groups to have field days and meetings
 11 on my property. U of I has conducted bird studies,
 12 bird surveys and insect studies and observation.
 13 Along with my farmer, we are monitoring and proving
 14 how organic farming impacts the environment in
 15 positive ways. I've recently become a beekeeper
 16 also.
 17 I hope I've painted a clear picture that I
 18 am indeed science-minded and care about climate
 19 change. I hope you understand this property is
 20 beautiful and somewhat unique in the middle of our
 21 ag community. My desire to expand education and
 22 teaching conservation and the like was my plan for
 23 my future. My plan was to live my days out here
 24 until I can no longer care for the farm or perhaps

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1 myself. I hope you fully understand that this place
 2 is not replaceable.
 3 Now I'll go into some real business.
 4 Since the presentation from One Earth Energy that
 5 was held with my neighbors on my own porch, my
 6 questions have only increased as I read and study
 7 more. I've been saying since early on that I'm
 8 simply not qualified to insist in pushing through by
 9 signing my offered contract. It appeared that a
 10 handful of farmers and neighbors might carry out a
 11 plan that could affect others. I thought at first
 12 that light pollution, unwanted noises and truck
 13 traffic might be unwanted side effects. I asked
 14 about water contamination thinking of my well only.
 15 Later I began to realize that 3500 people in the
 16 community of Gibson City, my community, my new home,
 17 could be at risk too. The positioning of the wells
 18 in proximity to the project essentially puts me at
 19 ground zero in the middle of it.
 20 I spoke with my insurance company
 21 recently. My agent spoke with an underwriter. That
 22 based upon the information available at this time, I
 23 would become ineligible for any insurance coverage
 24 on my farm home and buildings at this location. To

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1 clarify, I'm not saying coverage regarding an event
 2 or mishap related to this project. I am saying they
 3 will no longer insure my home, buildings or farm
 4 period should I elect this myself.
 5 Next. This brings me to lending
 6 opportunities. I spoke with the Gibson City bank
 7 which informed me that I would not have lending
 8 opportunities with them without being insured. This
 9 is staggering, isn't it?
 10 Now let's talk real estate. I believe
 11 this would make my property worthless. Disclosures
 12 are required in real estate to make buyers aware of
 13 what they're getting. I feel it would be unethical,
 14 immoral and perhaps illegal to not disclose the
 15 proximity of wells, caps and plumes on or near my
 16 property to interested buyers. I wonder who would
 17 consider living here when there are other options
 18 without safety threats. If any digging or trenching
 19 were to be proposed for my ground as it stands right
 20 now, that could interfere with CRP rules and
 21 standards. I question if any here could tell me if
 22 soil were to become contaminated what the cleanup
 23 protocol would be. Would farming in that area even
 24 be possible? What about organic farming?

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1 I hope that I now have you understanding
 2 that this proposal could destroy my life plans, my
 3 work, my property value, my security, my safety, my
 4 ability to be assured and have lending. I have not
 5 asked for this. I was told we as a group would all
 6 need to agree for this to move forward and now there
 7 are indications that it could move forward without
 8 everyone's approval. That's why I'm here talking
 9 today. I also -- I could also launch into some
 10 science on stress and waking at 4:00 a.m. with
 11 racing pulse unable to get back to sleep, but I'll
 12 save you from that for now, but that truly has
 13 impact as well.
 14 This technology is too soon. I think it
 15 foolish to gamble with our precious drinking water
 16 and play with volatile gasses in areas underground
 17 that we have much to learn about still. I
 18 understand science is continually evolving and
 19 looking for ways to deal with carbon and create uses
 20 for it. I say hang on, wait, let the science catch
 21 up to offer absolute remedies rather than ones
 22 filled with predictions that cannot be proven. I
 23 ask you to please deny the One Earth Energy
 24 application and thank you for your time.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Questions from the
 2 board?
 3 **MEMBER TURNER:** Thanks for coming out. In
 4 your checking with your insurance company, the one
 5 that they currently insure your farm --
 6 **MS. LASSER:** Yes, they do.
 7 **MEMBER TURNER:** -- and your business? Did
 8 you check with any other insurance companies just
 9 out of curiosity?
 10 **MS. LASSER:** I did not, but in speaking
 11 with someone from another advocacy group, I did
 12 receive information that an insurance company was
 13 saying that they wouldn't be responsible for issues
 14 happening if an event occurred, but my company said
 15 that would be just the end of my coverage
 16 altogether.
 17 **MEMBER TURNER:** And I assume you're saying
 18 with the bank, then, that you essentially went to
 19 the bank that you currently do business with but
 20 really didn't reach out beyond that?
 21 **MS. LASSER:** No, actually it's a bank that
 22 I am looking to move my business to right now.
 23 **MEMBER TURNER:** Okay, great, thank you.
 24 **MS. LASSER:** Thank you.

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1 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you mind putting
 2 those two things into a -- so we could have it for
 3 the record, what you just told us about, the
 4 insurance and the banking? Could I get a letter?
 5 **MS. LASSER:** Oh, would you -- you would
 6 like me to document that?
 7 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Yeah, I'd like to have
 8 it documented, yeah, if you could do that. I mean,
 9 I know you can't do it tonight, but --
 10 **MS. LASSER:** I certainly can try, yes.
 11 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Because I think it
 12 would -- you're a nice lady and I know that you're
 13 telling us the truth, but, you know, it just
 14 verifies what you said.
 15 **MS. LASSER:** Absolutely. Otherwise it's
 16 hearsay.
 17 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Yeah, I appreciate
 18 that.
 19 **MS. LASSER:** All right, certainly.
 20 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Any other questions?
 21 Staff?
 22 **MR. DICK:** No.
 23 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Anyone in the audience
 24 have questions of this witness? Would you please

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1 push that button?
 2 **MS. LASSER:** Thank you.
 3 **MR. DICK:** Hannah Young?
 4 **MS. YOUNG:** My name is Hannah,
 5 H-A-N-N-A-H, Young, Y-O-U-N-G. My address is 40563
 6 East 1400 North Road, Saybrook, Illinois, 61770.
 7 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Would you like to be
 8 sworn in?
 9 **MS. YOUNG:** Yes please.
 10 (Ms. Hannah Young was duly sworn.)
 11 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Thank you. You can go
 12 ahead.
 13 **MS. YOUNG:** Good evening. As stated, my
 14 name is Hannah Young. My home is located directly
 15 west of proposed injection well number one. To give
 16 you a little bit of background about myself, I
 17 graduated from Illinois State University in 2009
 18 with a bachelor's degree in environmental health and
 19 safety. After graduation, I was the environmental
 20 health and safety manager during the start-up and
 21 operation of One Earth Energy. Following my time
 22 there, I worked for the McLean County Health
 23 Department as a sanitarian for their environmental
 24 health division which is also where I interned

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1 during my time at Illinois State University.
 2 I am not claiming to be an expert in
 3 safety by any means, but I consider myself to be
 4 more safety-minded than most. When this product was
 5 first -- when this project was first introduced, I
 6 had the same concerns that many of you have stated
 7 if not more. The unknown aspects of new projects
 8 such as this can generate a lot of fear in people,
 9 especially if they think that their safety and
 10 livelihood could potentially be at risk.
 11 Unfortunately, without the special use
 12 permit application even being approved, my family's
 13 safety has already been at risk. Last week someone
 14 came to our farm to threaten my husband due to our
 15 involvement in this project. So please believe me
 16 when I say that I have not taken any aspect of this
 17 project lightly.
 18 I am reminded of ISU's motto "Gladly we
 19 learn and teach" when I reflect on the amount of
 20 time my husband and I have spent over the past two
 21 years learning and sharing with others about CO2
 22 sequestration. We have attempted to dissect all
 23 facets of this endeavor not only because we want to
 24 fully understand the risks and benefits associated

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1 with CO2 sequestration, but also because we wanted
 2 to be able to provide our neighbors enough
 3 information so that they could make an educated
 4 decision for themselves. The people included in
 5 this project are not only our neighbors, but they
 6 are also our family members and our friends. Their
 7 safety and well-being matters to us just as much as
 8 our own.
 9 During my time at One Earth Energy, I had
 10 the opportunity to work with our local emergency
 11 management agency in developing their emergency
 12 action plan and risk management plan. The fire
 13 department was heavily involved in order to prepare
 14 them for a potential emergency and to determine
 15 their responsibilities therein. I'm confident that
 16 One Earth Sequestration as an extension of One Earth
 17 Energy will do their due diligence to ensure the
 18 safety of our community for this venture as well.
 19 At One Earth Energy, I was also
 20 responsible for reporting our emissions to the EPA
 21 and working with the maintenance department to
 22 verify that the continuous emissions monitoring
 23 system was functioning properly. While it is not
 24 the same exact monitoring system, I've seen

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1 firsthand how these types of technologies work and I
 2 have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the systems
 3 that will be used to monitor the injection wells.
 4 The information provided by the
 5 geologists, scientists and industry professionals
 6 along with the plume monitoring data from ten years
 7 of CO2 injection taking place at ADM has led me to
 8 the conclusion that this project will be highly
 9 monitored and as safe as humanly possible. It is
 10 unreasonable to say that disasters cannot occur, but
 11 I trust that One Earth Sequestration will do what is
 12 required to prevent them.
 13 I'm in favor of this project not out of
 14 greed or because I'm ill-informed. I'm in favor of
 15 this project because CO2 sequestration will help to
 16 stabilize our local economy by ensuring the future
 17 of our ethanol industry. Simultaneously it will
 18 also provide us with a way to mitigate our
 19 environmental impact in conjunction with other
 20 climate initiatives such as reducing fertilizer,
 21 cover crops, wind and solar.
 22 I recommend that you approve the special
 23 use permit application for the CO2 injection wells
 24 in McLean County and I would also recommend that you

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1 vote by ballot to remove any pressure you may feel
 2 from this topic. I thank you very much for your
 3 time and consideration.
 4 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Questions from the
 5 board?
 6 **MEMBER TURNER:** Did you say one of these
 7 wells is on your land?
 8 **MS. YOUNG:** Correct.
 9 **MEMBER TURNER:** Okay. Have you done any
 10 checking into insurance or anything that we heard
 11 about from our prior person testifying?
 12 **MS. YOUNG:** To my knowledge, our insurance
 13 agent has not given us any reason to believe that we
 14 would not be insured.
 15 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Staff?
 16 **MR. DICK:** Do you know about how far this
 17 well is from your house, well number one?
 18 **MS. YOUNG:** I believe they were basing it
 19 off of the recommended guidelines that you all were
 20 setting forth. The last I heard, I thought it was
 21 around 1000 to 1500 feet.
 22 **MR. DICK:** I think it's about a thousand
 23 feet. Are you concerned about that distance based
 24 on your research?

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1 **MS. YOUNG:** Based on my research, no. To
 2 be honest, I'm more concerned with the natural gas
 3 pipeline that is about 500 feet from my home
 4 considering that would pretty much cause my home to
 5 explode. I think my concern lies there more so than
 6 with a leak from a sequestration well.
 7 **MR. DICK:** What kind of things did you
 8 come up with that you were concerned about at first
 9 about the sequestration well that you somehow got
 10 through?
 11 **MS. YOUNG:** Besides all of it? Just all
 12 of the different safety aspects. As many of you
 13 have already vocalized, making sure that there's
 14 going to be training and equipment and everything
 15 that's necessary for us to be safe. You know, I
 16 feel like our town -- well, Gibson City, technically
 17 I'm in Saybrook, has a lot of industry and has a lot
 18 of hazards, and we trust that these people are doing
 19 what they're supposed to do in order to keep the
 20 community safe. And I feel that One Earth Energy
 21 and One Earth Sequestration is going to do the same.
 22 I mean, they're all regulated by government
 23 agencies, they're all required to report these --
 24 this type of information, and that gives me some

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1 sort of solace in feeling relatively safe with this
 2 project, yes.
 3 **MR. DICK:** You wouldn't be considering
 4 moving once this well's put in the ground, would
 5 you?
 6 **MS. YOUNG:** No. In fact, my husband grew
 7 up in our home, and I plan to stay there and raise
 8 my children there and be there as long as I can.
 9 **MR. DICK:** Thank you.
 10 **MS. YOUNG:** Thank you.
 11 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** Anyone in the audience
 12 have questions of this witness? I think we're okay,
 13 thank you.
 14 **MS. YOUNG:** Thank you very much.
 15 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** We're not going to be
 16 able to finish tonight by any means, so --
 17 **MR. DICK:** We're going to continue this,
 18 right.
 19 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** We're going to
 20 continue this -- we're going to stop testimony
 21 tonight, continue this to the 21st of --
 22 **MR. DICK:** November 21st, week from
 23 tonight.
 24 **CHAIRMAN FINNIGAN:** A week from tonight,

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1 21st of November, seven o'clock. Thanks for coming
 2 everybody.
 3 (Adjourned at 9:53 p.m.)
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