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Subject: Grasp the situation

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To: Mayor and City of Green Council members

We're trying to grasp what has happened.

Allow us to introduce ourselves. Pat & Connie Wasik, living at 433 E Comet Rd, residents of City of Green almost 20 yrs. We've always been conservative with our spending, pay all our bills on time, and have no other home or property than the one on East Comet. We almost own our home that we've faithfully been making pyts on and enhancing with home improvements as we were able to afford them. In the past six years we've added new siding, a new roof, a new ductless air conditioning system, upgraded electric, new windows, and a new storage barn on the property. Still there is more to be done until now. Everything stops now. The home is around 2300 Sq ft and we have invested apprx \$270K when factoring in appreciation. Total replacement value has been set at \$319K per our insurance company.

Our home sits on 1.3 acres of land now directly in the bullseye of the Nexus blast zone. FERC, the EPA, unseen judges, part of city council, mayor Neugebauer, the Hartong family, unnamed other sellouts, and Nexus have thrown a glitch into our retirement plans. We are both 60 yrs old. Pat has worked in a steel mill for 40 yrs, mostly 10-12 hr days and is still currently working. I have no income after leaving my part-time work to care for my elderly parents and a mother who had Alzheimers for 10 yrs.

In Green, we are regulated 24 hrs a day as to what we can and cannot do. Until a couple yrs ago, the wealthy landowners decided they wanted an explosive gas line snaking through our city no matter the costs to the community or hazards to their neighbors as long as it wasn't near their homes they didn't care and sold right-of-ways on their properties. How could they do that without city approval? Why were they allowed to do that? To bring that danger into our vicinity? You regulate the size of our campfires but yet allow this to happen with no recourse against those 89 people. Those people should be made liable for their choices and total disregard for their neighbor's safety and financial losses. I'm sure if we decided to do the same thing, someone would've slapped a lawsuit on us preventing it.

Where are we to begin to recover the losses incurred by the construction of the pipeline? We have a home with an existing loan that we cannot continue to live in citing construction, destruction of our normally quiet neighborhood, safety concerns and are unable to sell without a great loss. We would not feel safe continuing to live in our home. How do you suggest we accommodate keeping our current home expenses going while we lease another comparable property? Monthly rent on a 2-3 BR home in a safe, family area start at about \$1500 a month plus utilities.

All homes along the pipeline within the blast zone will now be considered stigmatized properties. I believe your numbers were 660 homes, more than 2200 ppl within the blast zone. \$122 million in losses over 10 yrs...OUR losses. What is everyone supposed to do? Where should we go to get away from these stressors? Hopefully not the nearest ER or cardiac care unit. We're being displaced the same as if our properties were in the path of hurricane flooding, an earthquake, or a wildfire. Uninhabitable. Health hazards, depression, anxiety, high blood-pressure, fear. And \$7.5 million cannot begin to cover the community losses, but no one is considering OUR losses to our homes that we live in 24 hrs a day .But instead are turning their concerns to ANOTHER park that people use for an hour here and there while leaving the residents in the blast zone twisting in the wind.

Listened to the last council meeting with some of the members reiterating their reasons for their vote regarding the Nexus agreement. None of them in any danger of destruction or depreciation to their homes or families in any danger. Listened to one councilman asking people who disagree with the agreement and the way it was handled to "take it down 100 notches" and that no council person should be subject to the anger, scrutiny and divisive comments being made. Has he not heard the belittling comments being spoken about "the Green hill-billies who cant understand anything" or "its ONLY the people near Nimisila" who may have their wells contaminated. I've attended meetings where I've seen men laughing at those of us losing our home values and being endangered by the pipeline. Our letter should be more fodder for council hilarities judging from what we've heard so far. So weighing 'Old business" that all the residents in the blast zone are going through and seeing that the city has moved onto "new business" like Easter egg hunts, sister cities, and the opioid crisis... seems incredulous that council feels we should just accept our losses and move on as if nothing happened. How would you react if you had just lost 20 yrs of an investment through no fault of your own?

Now we are to cough up the costs of well-testing at \$250-\$450 twice a year to insure our water wells have not been contaminated because we are within 1500 ft of the horizontal drilling. The OSU factsheet states the oil drilling company should be responsible for testing prior to their drilling. Are they going to wait until we have independent companies give all of us an analysis before they start drilling? Once again, it looks as if we are on our own. Certain people/companies make their own rules and the rest of us get nothing. The community has forgotten about us and has moved on, but we were never really considered a part of the community. Just council rhetoric.

Let me say that none of you can truly understand what any of us are feeling. We've always tried to be good neighbors and not intrude or infringe on anyone near us and this is the thanks we get. We lose everything we've worked and saved for in the past 20 years to forces outside our control and no one is standing up to protect us, reimburse us for our losses and make us whole.

How you can be so callous and indifferent to the 2200 people living in the blast zone? We're not able to grasp that either. This was a bad deal for the residents and a bad deal for the city. And a \$7.5 million pittance doesn't begin to cover but just a few homes and families that are already decimated by your decision.

Please reply with any suggestions you may have.

Sincerely,

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