Appendix K. Public Scoping Comments
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The US needs to assert true leadership, not military force in resolving conflicts. This missile defense system can in the end cause more of a nuclear arms race, violate international treaties and destabilize the work done by the US for many years in for disarming our nuclear forces for a global nuclear weapon free world. Why are we turning back the clock to the 1950s with its cold war goal of nuclear supremacy? The last 13 years have proved all the nuclear arms and defenses in the world cannot keep our country safe from attack. The only way out of the cycle of violence is to disarm and end the over-reliance on militarism and instead, create a paradigm that supports conflict resolution strategies and work to create justice and equality in our country and the world. There is no need nor gain from spending tax dollars to build a missile defense site when most likely the next wave of terrorists could just as easily come from our own poor neglected and abandoned inner cities and neighborhoods. Look around at your country. It is a disaster, go see Detroit and Philadelphia, for example.

We need to prioritize meeting human needs not promoting more war and profits for the major defense corporations. Dr. Linda M. Richards
I am strongly opposed to any new Missile Defense bases being built in the US. First and foremost, your claim that there is a need to build new missile defenses to “capable of protecting the homeland against threats from nations such as North Korea and Iran” is unjustified. The greatest nuclear threats come from Russia and China and these proposed sites will not increase our security against them or Iran or North Korea. The only solution to threats from nuclear weapons is nuclear disarmament through negotiated arms treaties. Building new MD bases only profits aerospace and military corporations. Missile Defense doesn’t make us safer, it only perpetuates more arms races. Furthermore there are serious negative cultural and environmental consequences to building more MD bases. Here are some examples of the negative consequences as related to the proposed site in Rangeley, Maine, though this applies to all four sites proposed. This is taken from a letter written by Bruce Gagnon, the director of the organization The Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, of which I am a member.

Culture: The proposal to put the base in Rangeley would have enormous negative impact on the local culture by essentially doubling the size of the existing community. Local schools and other human resources would be overwhelmed by the influx of personnel estimated to work at the proposed base. There would be an obvious detrimental impact on tourist haven Rangeley area and against Maine's life giving tourist industry.

Environment: The ridiculous notion of driving interceptor silos and missiles on already bad Maine roads would further destroy these roads that the state already cannot keep in good condition. The idea of widening these roads in some places to make it possible to transport silos and missiles would have severe negative impact on the environment. The state would not be able to maintain even wider roads since they can’t already handles their existing road network. Blasting mountain areas to place the silos underground would also have severe impact on wildlife, native vegetation and water quality would be impacted. It is my understanding that Poland Springs has a 1,000 acre water well near this area that would certainly be negatively impacted. Where’s the enormous amount of gravel needed for this project going to be mined?

Liquid rocket fuels: The toxic liquid fuels to be used in the interceptor missiles would have to be transported, stored, and then placed inside missiles. This process would allow many opportunities for toxic spills in the area contaminating local water sources. Liquid Hydrazines are most commonly known for their use in rocket fuels. They are highly toxic, colorless, flammable liquids with an ammonia-like odor. There are several types of hydrazines, including hydrazine, monomethylhydrazine (MMH) and 1,1-dimethyl-hydrazine, also known as unsymmetrical dimethy1hydrazine (UDMH). Hydrazine is unstable and is usually handled as an aqueous solution for safety reasons. Exposure to hydrazines can cause
central nervous system effects as well as kidney and liver damage. Hydrazine and UDMH are listed as probable human carcinogens and classified under Group B2 by the U.S. EPA.

Solid rocket fuels: An analysis of data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control indicates that a toxic chemical in solid rocket fuel has severely contaminated the nation's food and water supply - read the Environmental Working Group study [http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_3250.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_3250.cfm). Scientists warn that the chemical, known as perchlorate, could cause thyroid deficiency in more than 2.2 million women of childbearing age. This thyroid deficiency could damage the fetus of pregnant women, if left untreated. Perchlorate, the explosive ingredient in solid rocket fuel, has leaked from military bases and defense and aerospace contractors’ plants in at least 22 states, contaminating drinking water for millions of Americans. Despite massive complaints, defense contractors have done little or nothing to clean up the pollution. Perchlorate has also been widely detected in milk, lettuce, produce and other foods. In an alarming study, the CDC found perchlorate in the urine of every person tested. The Organic Consumers Association has mobilized thousands of consumers to pressure the EPA and government officials to begin a massive clean up of perchlorate. The Environmental Working Groups report is an analysis of data originally released in 2005, when the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) released its long anticipated report on the human health effects of perchlorates. Perchlorates have been found in 93% of lettuce and milk.... 97% of breast milk samples taken randomly from around the U.S. have tested positive for perchlorates. The government funded NAS report reveals that perchlorates are roughly ten times more toxic to humans than the Department of Defense has been claiming. Perchlorates can inhibit thyroid function, cause birth defects and lower IQs, and are considered particularly dangerous to children. The NAS report recommends human exposure at no more than .0007 milligrams per kilogram of body weight. The EPA has responded to the report by recommending a water standard reference dose of 24.5 ppb for perchlorate. This is bad news for military sites and rocket fuel plants around the country, including Henderson, Nevada, where EPA well monitoring has found perchlorates at a level 30,000 times higher than that. There are over 12,000 military sites in the U.S. that are used for training with live explosives.

GMD Program: The Ground-based Midcourse missile defense system has been riddled with failure and corruption since its inception. In early 2000, the GAO received a request from former Rep. Howard Berman of California to review certain allegations of fraud in the missile defense program. Dr. Nira Schwartz, an Israeli-born scientist made the allegations while working at TRW - a defense contractor based in Los Angeles. TRW was a subcontractor to the defense behemoth Boeing Company. She was promptly fired from her job after she made the allegations. She alleged that a key component in the missile defense system – software to process signals collected by an infrared sensor - did not perform as advertised by TRW and Boeing. She was intimately involved in the development of the software, which was used in a crucial test of the missile defense program in 1997 at a cost of $100 million. The contractors Boeing and TRW falsely claimed it was a total success. Many of the so-called “successful” tests over the years have been what scientists call “strap down rabbit” tests as they placed a beacon on the dummy missiles so that the interceptors could identify them in deep space at 15,000 mph. For all these reasons and more this program should not be building any permanent deployment installations anywhere. It is a huge waste of taxpayers dollars.

I also strongly request that you extend the comment period so that more people can respond.

Sincerely,
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Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center (CRJMTC),
Portage and Trumbull Counties, Ohio
Public Scoping Comments in Appendix K
From: RichardEAb
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:51 PM
To: MDA.CIS.EIS
Cc: 
Subject: Ravena Public Hearing 5-8-2014
Categories: Blue Category

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Public Hearing by Missile Defense Agency for the Ravena Joint Military Training Center.

In order to establish my credibility I submit the following:

I am a World War II veteran. I am typing in bold because is easier for me to see. I established an International Environmental Services- Urban Forestry Consulting Firm registered to do business in 42 states, 3 Canadian Provinces and United Kingdom which continues with my step son as President. Certainly there were adequate military and civilian personnel to explain the various posters. They were very responsive to comments and questions. The hand out information was excellent. I sat and read it before looking at the posters. You people are the professionals and I am sure you have considerable experience conducting similar Public Hearings on other projects. Consequently I hesitate to make a recommendation.

If there was a Power Point Slide of each poster and that was projected on a screen such that everyone could see it. Then the person or persons manning that poster related what it showed, the back ground, relevance to the project, request for comments before moving on to the next poster. In my opinion it would have been a more effective Public Hearing. The people manning the posters were under utilized. Each of the military and civilian personnel there has unique capabilities and expressive skills that given the opportunity could have better informed the audience.

The Video was excellent and the narrative was good. For me it could have been more effective if there were a written caption on each of the major slides. I am old and have trouble hearing and sorting out some of the dialogue and places.

AGAIN THANK YOU.

Ravenna is in the manufacturing heart land of America. Our steel mills, automotive and other manufacturing facilities are critical to our defense. Our only tank manufacturing facility is in Lima, Ohio. There are more colleges and universities within 60 miles of Ravenna than any other place in the country except New York City. This is going to be a highly technical function.
The EIS for the proposed missile interceptor site at Camp Ravenna, Ohio, should include the following.

A new military installation required for a missile interceptor site would have a significant negative effect on the tenor and quality of life in existing communities. The communities immediately surrounding Camp Ravenna are quiet and rural, with a great number of agricultural uses. An appreciable increase in traffic, noise, and military personnel would destroy the quality of life in our communities and change the make-up of our communities forever.

Portage County has 18 existing and an additional 7 permitted Class II injection wells that received 1,976,299 gallons of toxic, radioactive fracking waste in 2013. We were second only to our neighbor, Trumbull county, which received 2,367,037 gallons to make it recipient of the most fracking waste in 2013. Adjacent Stark county received 607,698 gallons for ninth place. December 31, 2011 we experienced a 4.0 earthquake attributed to a Class II injection well in Mahoning County. These Class II wells present a significant risk of seismic activity and contamination of water aquifers. The existence of Class II wells drastically increases the risks to the public health, safety and welfare that would accompany a missile interceptor site.

The addition of the training center for the Army National Guard at Camp Ravenna has had a negative effect on surrounding home owners due to the increase in traffic and noise during training sessions at Camp Ravenna. We do not need or want to have our lives, property values or the quiet enjoyment of our property, interrupted even further by the addition of a missile interceptor site and the ancillary activities that come with it.

As a third generation Portage County resident, I strongly oppose the proposed missile interceptor site at Camp Ravenna. Lori Babbey
Chris Banks, Kent State University

MR. BANKS: Okay. I oppose this strenuously. First, it's unnecessary. The representatives at this meeting from the agency, several of them said that this particular issue would not be solved by putting it here in the sense that the main places where you intercept missiles is in Alaska and California. And most of the -- all of these issues, he said, would be resolved from there and not here. So you don't need to have a particular site here when the issue's already taken care of somewhere else. That's number one.

Number two, there are several negative impacts, and I've identified sixteen that the agency is looking at, and just about all of them are negative.

For example, we have Kent State University, which is very close to this site, which is a major influence and hub for intellectual and academic activity and cultural activity and social activity.

You also have a national park, which is the only one in this region, if not in the country, Cuyahoga Valley...
National Park, which would be directly impacted by this. You also have West Branch State Park, which is next to the site itself. You also have densely populated areas surrounding the site.

And it was much better when the original decision was made for the Camp Ravenna to be decommissioned, or whatever it was, to get rid of the munitions in the first place; and now it's a training facility, and now you want to upgrade it to an active defense system, which I think is culturally, socially, morally, economically, and any other way I can think about it completely wrong.

It's also, number three, going to increase the vulnerability of this region to attack, not only from other nations that wish to destabilize that particular site, but also to have people who will infiltrate on the domestic level that particular site and would make it likely that the security around it would be insufficient to withstand any sort of an attack and threaten the whole region with that sort of, arguably, terrorist activity or national or foreign national activity that would be directed at that site to destabilize it.

Also, number four, I think the security itself around the site would be questionable because the people at this agency, from what I've determined, would only have it
manned through visual and fencing, which is already there in the first place, but military police; and that's not enough to withstand any sort of attack and leads itself to other problems.

Number five I think is the lack of success of this whole program in the first place. If you look at the test results that are online, the mid-course, I think it's called the mid-course -- what's this thing called -- the mid -- do you know what it's called, Zach? The mid, the mid-course, whatever that thing is, the mid -- I can't find whatever it is -- the mid-course place, the time of range, which is 20 minutes' time to try to get a successful strike on this, the test results show that since 1999, there's only been a 53-percent success rate for those kinds of strikes. So it's not going to work, and it's completely unnecessary for that reason as well.

So if you look at the sixteen impacts, I won't go through them all, but I think many of them are negatively impacted, especially the social, cultural, air quality, air space, land use, noise, wetlands, visual and aesthetic, and potentially hazardous materials, if there are any, that are going to be brought onto the site.

Thank you.

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This is ill-advised, unnecessary, and incurs too many negative "imprints" on the region. It also exposes the site and the surrounding region to a high risk of attack from foreign nationals and domestic insurgents who are likely to attack and destabilize the site. The security surrounding the site - which will be military police and a fence, plus motion detectors and cameras - will not be sufficient and will cause more negative impacts. Kent State University, plus medical facilities, Camp Roberts North and Valley Park, plus a densely populated area - all command that this not be done here. Among the negative impacts: cultural, visual, aesthetic, wetlands, noise, hazardous materials, geologic, energy and co., all will be adversely affected. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS SITE.

Name: Chris Banks
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Lou Bertrand, Mayor of Hiram Village

MAYOR BERTRAND: My comment is that, you know, we've all been affected by the 9/11 tragedy, some of us to some degree more than others. I have been affected by my family because I had, my son-in-law was in the 160th Special Operations Command in Korea when it happened, and he ended up in the Philippines, and is now currently suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of his service in Philippines; he was in Iraq twice, and he was in Afghanistan once, 20-year service.

I also have a grandson who's currently serving in the Army, and he is taking selection and training in SOAR, 160th Special Operations Airborne Regiment.

I'm also the Mayor of Hiram. I've been the Mayor of Hiram for the past seven years. Before that I served on council for 28 years and also began as Assistant County Prosecutor here in Portage County.

As a result of the 9/11 attacks, we have all suffered
from the acts of terrorism. We all must realize that
certain sacrifices must be made in defense of our country.
Some of the folks that may or may not oppose this move to
the arsenal may oppose it for reasons, and I don't know
why; but we all must pitch in and do something to protect
our country.

This is an act which I believe is in that area. I
think it would be advantageous for our government to use
this site. We are not near any area that can be subject
to an immediate attack by terrorists. We're away from
those areas.

And you must remember that the flight of the hijacked
aircraft flew right over the arsenal when it happened.
And I've been to the site at, I believe it's Shanksville,
PA. I've seen that. I've also, like I said, experienced
some loss and sacrifice by members of my own family.

So I think it's important that we have this site
here. I also feel that the Army, the Ravenna Army
Arsenal, now called Camp Ravenna, has the area in which we
could really utilize this asset to our nation's arsenal.

So those are the kind of thoughts that I wanted to
convey to the government. I also wanted to let the
government know that we are a -- Hiram Village is a -- I'm
trying to think of the name -- we welcome, we welcome
NCO's and officers and military personnel and those serving in the military and with the military in our community.

I've sent a proclamation to that effect to the Colonel that is in the recruiting battalion in Cleveland. So I've been very, very supportive of the Department of Defense and with the military background.

I know that many in our community voice similar opinion to me. I represent approximately 1,400 people within the Village of Hiram, and also the surrounding area, which is about 3,800 people, citizens. So I just wanted to make that voice known to those that will listen to it and read this comment by me.

That's about what I wanted to say.

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Date: 8/5/14

What responsibility does the military have in informing local civilian first responders in the event of an accident that impacts civilian land outside a missile site?

Are MSDS sheets provided?
If so, are all chemicals/compounds listed, or are some treated as secret and not listed?

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Hello,
As a concerned citizen, I am writing to state that I am firmly **OPPOSED** to having Camp Ravenna (Ohio) used as a missile defense site (interceptor site). There is already considerable ground and water contamination in the area. The area is rather densely populated and the proposed site is close to our regional Medical School in Rootstown, OH. This is a place where much needed physicians and pharmacists are being educated and where valuable medical research takes place. When such a military installation is built the area becomes much more of a target for any enemy activity. I am not convinced of the need for this type of defense system but if it is determined to be needed, I suggest locating it in an unpopulated area of the country. It seems though that the cost outweighs the benefits as presently known.
I hope that this e-mail communication is included in your opinion gathering process.
Thank you,
Sister Carolyn Capuano, HM

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Vice President of Mission and Ministry
Mercy Medical Center

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This program sounds good. I believe Portage County, Ohio would be a good location for this important program. I doubt there would be any opposition to locating here. The Ravenna Arsenal needs some sort of development use and this sounds like a good use of the land, which is no doubt contaminated by previous arsenal use.

Name: Jeff Chidester
Affiliation: _
Street Address: _
City, State, Zip Code: _
Email: _
As a voter I will attend to all decisions by those involved with the proposal. There are many needs for employment that our government can address through other initiatives. Questionable pursuits such as this proposal for Ravenna are NOT preferable. Let's rebuild our cities - infrastructures, bridges, etc. Please show practical regard for the present and future of life that depends upon our vulnerable and waning natural resources. Please!

Susan Corrigan, HM

Sent from my iPad
Date: 08-06-2014

I do not see an environmental or any other problem with the placement of this facility at the Ravena Arsenal. I believe my areas of concern have been addressed.

I appreciate the session as a time to ask questions and learn more about this type of facility and its functions.

The S.E. corner of Camp Ravena borders a section of Newton Township. I also live within a half mile of the facility. I have no reservations supporting this.

Name: Gregory Dubois
Affiliation: Newton Township Trustee (Trumbull Co.)
Street Address: 
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I am opposed to the construction of the missile interceptor proposed for Camp Ravenna in Ohio

Thank you
Date: 8/5/14

I hope you choose Ohio. I do not have a problem with it. This area would welcome the Military workers. There always will be some in all four areas who will find problems. The Ravenna Arsenal has been under used. Welcome to Ohio.

I have lived in New Orleans & Boulder Colorado & all over N.E. Ohio. I enjoy living here & feel it's very safe environmentally & climate wise. The snow isn't as bad as Michigan & Maine & N.Y. We have a lot of under used homes, churches & buildings with the rubber & steel jobs leading. The soil is rich for gardening. We have plenty of water. You can fish, hunt, see football & the cost of living is very reasonable.

I would welcome new military workers!

Name:
Ruth Fariss

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I was quite disappointed with the presentation and did not find it at all informative. It would have been much more informative to have given a formal presentation explaining what the CIS is, a brief review of its history, why the MDA believes it is important, and most importantly, what the impact on our community will be both during construction and after completion. Providing nothing more than stations with blown up Power Point slides came across as cheap to not an attempt to engage citizens. It also came across as a dog and pony show because it made no attempt to disclose the serious problems the program has had in terms of expense, expected test failures (even with tests designed to succeed) and the length of time it has existed with little positive result.

Because of that, I came here tonight skeptical of CIS and leave strongly opposed.

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Testimony regarding the ground-based mid-course missile defense interceptor site from Gwen B. Fischer, Professor Emerita,

Tuesday, August 5, 6pm-9pm
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I am outraged that under pressure from corporate military contractors, the Pentagon is pushing Congress to locate a new “ground-based mid-course missile defense interceptor site” in addition to existing sites in Alaska and California. Washington has mandated that the Pentagon do a feasibility study to determine which of four states (Maine, New York, Michigan, Ohio) would be the best place to host the “interceptor” site.

Reasons to oppose the program in general and Ravenna in particular:
1. So-called “missile defense” systems must be 100% effective to provide any safety shield. There is no US military or space technology that has been fool-proof (i.e. faulty jet fighters, Space Shuttle, etc.).
2. Even if 100% effective, any so-called “missile defense” system can be easily overwhelmed by incoming missiles. It costs far less to produce missiles than any so-called “missile defense” system.
3. Locating a so-called “missile defense” system in Ravenna puts a bulls-eye on NE Ohio by Russians and Chinese with their nuclear weapons. There is no reason for us to be a target. Portage County is more densely populated than other sites.
4. This whole system is an incredible waste of money that will not work and is not needed. It will profit military contractors. With the dollars spent, many more jobs could be invested creating economically productive and useful 21st century products and services (infrastructure, transportation, energy, etc.) that will directly benefit people in Portage County and Northeast Ohio.

BACKGROUND [from Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space]
There are various kinds of ‘missile defense’ (MD) systems now being tested. The one with the very worst testing record is the Ground-based Mid-course program. It is very likely the most expensive of the MD programs because of the sheer difficulty of trying to have a bullet-hit-a-bullet in deep space at more than 15,000 mph. In the end the program is incredibly destabilizing as the entire MD program is all about being the shield to take out Russian or Chinese retaliatory response after a Pentagon first-strike attack on them. I know the Space Command annually holds a computer war game to practice this very kind of an attack.

Public Commentary. I would have expected to have a public meeting where people were allowed to speak and hear from one another in the community. I want my objections to be part of the public record. In a democracy, the government should listen to the people and base legislation on the best interests of the people, not on the corporate interests of the military contractors!

Environmental Impact Statement
The 2013 National Defense Authorization Act requires the MDA to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate possible additional locations in the U.S. best suited for future deployment of a Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS) capable of protecting the homeland against threats from nations, such as North Korea and Iran. The existing Ballistic Missile Defense System provides protection of the U.S. from a limited ballistic missile attack, and the Department of Defense has not made a decision to deploy or construct the CIS.

We do not need to build this at all and certainly should not build in a populated area. I thank the American Friends Society for their helpful information.

Gwen B. Fischer

[Signature]
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Date: 5 Aug '14

My chief objection is to building the project at all, faced with enormous domestic issues like a crumbling infrastructure, continuing high unemployment, failing schools, we certainly should not ask our one military project to Congress to shower money on instead of working at meeting our domestic needs. Until we can find the resources to repair the streets in the neighborhoods where we actually live our lives, we should turn away from building an even higher wall and get down to work healing our garden in whatever capacity is considered so wisely said. Let's get the Ravena arsenal cleaned up and producing something useful rather than another monument to militarism.

Name: Stanley L. Fischer
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Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Email:
Mary Greer, private U.S. citizen

MS. GREER: My name is Mary Greer, and I have nine points I'd like to make.

One is that I respect the idea that some economic benefit might come to Portage County as a result of the missile site being placed here, but I think those economic benefits are not the long-term, deep economic benefits and improvements that we need here in Portage. They would be short-term construction worker benefits and might very well, probably would, fade away when the construction is completed.

Second and more important to me, and perhaps most important is, I believe having a missile interceptor site here makes this area a target, a target for any kind of foreign attack against us. And we have -- the missile systems that we have now are so far from 100-percent effective. They're something like 60-percent effective. So with all the errors and problems they've had with this kind of interception, I don't think it's worth our becoming a military target.
Number three, there are other uses for 121,000 acres. We could do other kinds of economic benefit construction. We could do permanent industries. Other types of training could occur there. If it were even possible to clean up the superfund site that still has some unexploded ordnance, apparently, in some of the areas that can't even be walked into because people are afraid of shells and things that might be there that would still explode; I'm sure that if eventually it could be cleaned up, 121,000 acres paying taxes would be a huge gift to Portage County.

Number four, in Portage County we have 331 people per square mile. The Maine site, that actually the Senator of Maine wants to have, has 18 people, 18 people per square mile. And I think with a population density like that, clearly shouldn't pick Portage County, nor should you pick Kalamazoo, which has even more people per square mile.

Number five, one of the other sites discussed to be on the east coast makes a lot more sense in terms of radar; and having something on the west coast, on the Alaska, the Alaska site, the California site, and then on the east coast in the Maine site, much, a much better plan, especially when foreign missiles are likely to come over the Pole, and you don't want to come so far south as Ohio.
Next we have -- we've read the statements by Pentagon
officials and some Senators who have already stated
they're clearly against this development, and we respect
their thinking. They are military defense people, and
they should know.

Number seven, it's too expensive. We don't want this
kind of expense on this kind of missile interception here.
If there's money to be spent, we'd like to, overall, just
in general, see the military basically get less money and
let's put more money toward education and keeping our
children healthy and smart for the future rather than
build, spend money on arms and armament. That's a general
overview of some of my thinking on that.

Number eight, I have a fear that future further
development might occur on this site once it is approved
as a military or a missile interceptor defense site. I
think that further development might come in the form of
nuclear storage capability since it's so big, drone
technology.

I don't even know all the armaments and things that
the military has developed, but they know what their
secrets are and they know what their armaments are, and I
think we are inviting that kind of development here by
allowing just the first step, the missile interceptor,
interceptor missile. I think I've said it backwards all
this time. Write that down.

And last, Portage County is a crossroads. When you
look at the map, and I hope the people who read this will
look at a map and understand that Portage County is a
crossroads, and we are the center of way more than a
million people: Cuyahoga County that has Cleveland,
Summit County that has Akron, Trumbull County that has
Youngstown, Geauga County that has many beautiful farms
and fields, Stark County that has Canton, and Portage
County that has Kent State University and this, the town
of Kent and the town of Ravenna and several other towns
and villages.

We're at the center of that, and all the roads go
through us, north and south, east and west. This is the
wrong place to put a target. This is the wrong place for
a missile site.

And I hope that you will sincerely choose someplace
else. Portage County has been beaten up a lot with a lot
of other abuses from corporations, from poor economic
development in the past, and generally we're kind of a
poor county. We're struggling to improve and become an
advanced gem of northeastern Ohio where people want to
live. And nobody says, my house will be worth more
because I'm ten miles from a missile site.

Thank you for listening.

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My opinion is military budgets globally are being pressed by Sea. Bush’s NRO agenda on behalf of the Rothschild billionaires, etc. They depend on war to line their global pockets way too excessively. Life on our planet is on several simultaneous extinction trajectories. Military action in the world’s greatest pollution agent and radiation from Fukushima is a growing problem. We need to cut military budgets in half or grow hemp in all used bases & base them to help the planet recover its energy balance. 

Ernest Guindon 1 week

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PUBLIC COMMENT IN OPPOSITION TO A GROUND BASED MID-COURSE MISSILE DEFENSE INTERCEPTOR SITE AT CAMP RAVENNA, RAVENNA, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

There are various kinds of missile defense systems now being tested. Reportedly, the one with the worst testing record is the ground based mid-course program. It is one of the most expensive of the missile defense programs because of the sheer difficulty of trying to have a missile hit a missile in deep space at greater than 15,000 mph. The program is destabilizing. There wasn’t even a public meeting in Ravenna on August 5, 2014. It consisted merely of informational displays and a video. Public meetings are a thing of the past; where people were allowed to speak and hear from one another in the community, in an informational as well as an active dialog between experts and the community. The following delineates the reasons why we are in opposition to this proposed missile site in our community:

1. Missile defense systems must be 100% effective to provide any safety shield. There is no US military or space technology that has ever been fool proof.
2. Even if they were deemed 100% effective, any missile defense system can be easily overwhelmed by incoming missiles. It costs far less to produce missiles than any missile defense system.
3. Locating a missile defense system in Ravenna, Ohio, puts a bullseye on Northeast Ohio by Russians, Chinese, or any other countries with nuclear weapons. There is no reason for our area to be a target.
4. The entire system is an inappropriate use of taxpayer money that may not work and is not needed. It will profit military contractors, not the citizens of this community. With the dollars spent, many more jobs could be invested creating economically productive and useful 21st century products and services, e.g., infrastructure, transportation, or energy, that would directly benefit the citizens of Portage County and Northeast Ohio.
5. Portage County has one of the largest numbers of Class II fracking waste injection wells in the state of Ohio. Research increasingly ties these injection wells to seismic activity. A potentially seismic area is not appropriate for the placement of a missile site.
6. Portage County has huge oil carrying tanker cars on our highways, and increasingly on the rails. Oil tanker and train accidents are on the rise. The risks of a tanker explosion near Camp Ravenna are too high.
7. Property values in all of Portage County would certainly depreciate. A missile site is not likely to attract new homeowners.
8. Portage County is too densely populated for this project. Our county has 331 persons per square mile. Other potential sites proposed for this project have a less dense population, e.g., Franklin County, Maine has 18 people per square mile, and Jefferson County, New York, has 91.6 people per square mile.
9. A site developed for missile interception would also expand. In time, it might offer storage for nuclear warheads or provide central control for drone technology and/or other strategic forces vulnerable to terrorist attack. Camp Ravenna’s 21,418 acres have already been used for storage. Camp Ravenna’s history began as a military ammunition production facility for the US Army. It served as an ammunitions plant in various periods of our war involvement history, until 1992. After years of inactivity, the facility became a Superfund site, due to the hazardous and toxic materials that seeped into the soil and the groundwater. It has not yet been remediated. Superfund sites are egregious, environmental disasters that have been allowed to occur over our entire country. Due to the slowness of our governmental processes, it takes years and years to clean up these sites. It seems inappropriate for a missile site to be constructed on an active Superfund site.

Thank you for the privilege of public comment.

David and Judith Hill
Want what you have...
    Be who you are...
         Do what you can...
8/5/2014

Charles Koester

Senator Sherrod Brown

Regarding: Ravenna based Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS)

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is reviewing the possibility of locating a CIS base at the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center (CRJMTC). Since they are performing the Environmental Impact Statement covering the installation and maintenance of the facility, I felt compelled to provide an environmental impact statement covering the time period after missiles are launched targeting the United States. It is reasonable to assume that the first volley of incoming missiles would target the CRJMTC with the intent of overwhelming the CIS with enough firepower to make its’ mission moot. In other words, the defensive missile site will be the primary target. Once destroyed, the second, third, fourth and fifth wave of missiles would arrive unchallenged and North East Ohio would be a wasteland.

The map below represents a potential targeting map that an enemy might use to identify our, otherwise, peaceful community. (This map is top secret, by the way)

![Map of Ravenna and surrounding counties]

This is another program designed to put our hard earned tax dollars to work for the benefit of the military infrastructure, providing no moral, social, or economic value to the people who are being called on to pay for it.

Best regards,
Charlie Koester
Comment Sheet for the
Continental United States (CONUS)
Interceptor Site (CIS)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Date: 8-4-14

Concerned about animal & bird habitats being obliterated. There is so much clearing of the land anymore for housing developments, shopping centers, etc., we don't need anymore, not even for this!

Name: Debbie Kosinski
Affiliation:
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City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Dr. Werner Lange, University of Akron

DR. LANGE: My name is Werner Lange. I am affiliated with the University of Akron, and I live in Newton Falls, Ohio.

Sixty-nine years ago tomorrow, for the first time in all human history, a nation used an atomic weapon to incinerate tens of thousands of civilians and annihilate their town. Three days later, that same nation devastated another city and incinerated its inhabitants with a second atomic bomb.

Ever since the horror of nuclear weapons was painfully revealed to all with eyes to see, responsible governments and citizens strove to eliminate the scourge of these weapons of mass destruction from the face of the earth. The dream of a world without nuclear weapons found its codified legal expression in the Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968. Article VII of the NPT, Article VII obligates all signatories, which includes the United States, to pursue good faith negotiations for an end to the arms race and for nuclear disarmament at an early
date.

Now, some 46 years later, hardly an early date, not only have nuclear weapons spread to belligerent nations beyond the original five NPT signatories -- that's Israel, India, Pakistan, and North Korea -- but we are gathered here in northeast Ohio on the eve of Hiroshima Day to consider the merits of a vast and grave expansion of the nuclear arms race.

I for one am here to say that this grave expansion, construction of a new continental interceptor site, has no merits or morals whatsoever, especially not at the former Ravenna Arsenal.

As we all know, this site has been and continues to remain heavily contaminated. According to a 2014 contamination assessment report issued last June by the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center, quote, "Results from recent studies have confirmed that explosives and heavy metals are the most common contaminants and generally located immediately around buildings in the load lines and in the ditches and ponds draining the sites," unquote.

Among the many contaminants at this heavily polluted site are explosives, explosive compounds, munitions, heavy metals, TNT, asbestos, VOC's, SVOC's, PCB's, PAH's,
mustard gas, and napalm. That latter deadly contaminant
is located at RVAAP-11, one of the many locations at this
site which has, as the government euphemistically calls
it, an incomplete remedy.

Among the many locations identified with a lack of
restoration are RVAAP-01, -09, -10, -11, -12, -34, and
-38. The Winklepeck Burning Ground, which is RVAAP-05,
even after so-called restoration, has a prohibition of the
use of ground water for consumption or domestic purposes.
Allegedly the restored load lines 1 through 4, RVAAP-08,
prohibits any residential use whatsoever. Furthermore,
the established schedule for so-called restoration of the
former Ravenna Arsenal calls for cleanup efforts to
continue well beyond 2019.

Admittedly, the former Ravenna Arsenal was and
remains an environmental disaster zone filled with known
and unknown dangerous contaminants. Why would any
responsible government agency even seriously consider this
highly polluted site for a so-called missile defense
system? Indeed, why would any responsible government
agency even consider construction of a ground based
mid-course CIS given its colossal expense and terrible
performance test record?

What was going on in and around Gaza in recent weeks
included a field test for the Israeli-U.S. missile defense system, and it failed miserably. If the so-called iron dome cannot even successfully intercept more than a few homemade non-guided rockets at a few hundred yards in the sky, how can any reasonable person believe that the planned CIS will successfully produce a bullet -- hit a bullet in deep space at more than 15,000 miles per hour?

The whole project is a fraud, merely a cash cow for the insatiable military industrial complex about which President Eisenhower warned Americans. And as U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy recently has correctly and courageously stated, it is a total waste of money.

I say, comply with international law and national values. Scrap this invitation to nuclear war and pursue peace instead. Thank you.

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Statement by Dr. Werner Lange, Ravenna High School, August 5 2014

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Thank you.
Very sincerely yours,
Dr. Werner Lange
This email is to voice my vehement opposition to the location of the eastern missile interceptor site being at Camp Ravenna, in Ohio. I firmly believe that if we as a nation are going to throw money at a project such as this, despite its questionable efficacy, it should be constructed in a less populated area.

Thank you for making my comments part of the public record,
Tracy Luna
Kent, Ohio
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Date: 3 Sept 2014

Having been assigned to an ICBM unit, I wish to voice for the Camp Ravenna site being chosen.

Camp Ravenna has been used for many industrial purposes. Electric power lines already exist.

Office/military command post/letter can be built in the camp. There is civilian housing made available in Ravenna.

Local schools are available for children. One hospital exists in Ravenna. Life Flight is available to Cleveland Clinic facilities.

The camp is near several interstate and the Ohio Turnpike.

Multiple cultural attractions are in the area. Football Hall of Fame/Rock and Roll Hall of Fame/Science museum/Theater District in Cleveland. Football, basketball, and ball teams exist. Minor league teams play in the area.

Local homes can be rented (updated) and rented to personnel in the construction phase. These homes can then be sold to personnel stationed at the camp once the construction phase is done. This reduces housing costs.

Reserve chemical teams, fire departments could have to be trained in fuel oxidizer handling and response in an emergency.

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PRIVACY ADVISORY

Public comments on the scope of the EIS and environmental issues that should be studied are requested pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. All written comments received during the comment period will become part of the public record and will be considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS. Providing private address information with your comment is voluntary and such personal information will be kept confidential unless release is required by law. Your address will be used to compile a mailing list so that you may be notified of any future public meetings, and release of the Draft EIS and Final EIS in the Federal Register. Failure to provide your address will result in your name not being included on the list, and you will not receive notifications about this project.

Operationally, the Ravenna site is the best location for the missile. However, I believe radar units should be positioned at Camp Drum to provide an additional capacity to detect, track and provide course date to the missile facility at Camp Ravenna.

(Ben Franklin - don't put all your eggs in one basket)
As a nearby resident, I am 100% in support of a possible missile base located at Camp Ravenna. Our country needs a strong defense, and I would be honored to lend my support to this location.

Best regards,

William T. Mars
Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached to this email, please find 8 pages of comments regarding the proposed CIS at Camp Ravenna, OH.

If there is anything that you cannot read, as these are handwritten, please feel free to contact me at this email address.

Additionally, if you would please acknowledge receipt of these comments, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you very much.

Eileen T. Mohr
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Date: 12 August 2014

I am opposed to the concept of a CIS in totality. Dwight Eisenhower warned:

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron."

SPECIFIC TO THE CAMP RAVENNA PROPOSED SITE:

1. The current proposed location is on "Fuzer and Booster Hill." This area has documented soil and groundwater contamination. How will this be handled?

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2. Soil contamination at various fuel and booster lines are predicted (via RCS, soil and AT123D) to reach groundwater at concentrations greater than risk-based standards and/or maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). How will this be addressed?

3. Currently, most if not all, remedial investigations (RIs) at the proposed location are in the draft stage. Unless the load lines go "no further action" (NFA) which is unlikely, how is it expected that the RIs, feasibility studies (FSs), records of decisions (RODs), remedial designs (RDs), remedial actions (RAs), operations and maintenance (O&M) will be integrated into the proposal?

4. How will additional studies mentioned at the open house be integrated with current CERCLA activities?

5. The Army signed the Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFO) with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in 2004. The orders can only be terminated by Ohio EPA. The DFOs cover both installation restoration program (IRP) and military operations response program (MOPP) activities. How will the DFOs be integrated into this proposed location at Camp Ravenna?
6. Although it is assumed that the missile site would have its own security, the fact remains that the installation perimeter fence has been routinely documented to be in poor repair. Will this be fixed? How will the perimeter fence be integrated into missile security?

7. There has been documented groundwater contamination outside of the perimeter fence in the vicinity of (downgradient) of load line 1 and 2 (east of the proposed site). Additional wells are proposed for off-installation, including the contaminants identified as explosive which are clearly related to the installation. How does this impact Camp Ravenna as the potential CIS?

8. Groundwater is being evaluated on a facility-wide basis. How will groundwater be evaluated in the EIS and integrated in the event that Camp Ravenna is selected as the CIS?

9. Camp Ravenna already has two hazardous waste areas, which is under its control. Under what number would wastes from the CIS be handled?
10. **At load line 7 (L7) I believe it was a 40 mm round was found. It is not being addressed under the NIMCP Program. Given that the load line where the 40 mm war round is where they were produced, how will the investigation of whether or not more were dumped there be initiated and handled?**

11. **One of the big selling points by local, state and federal politicians has been the creation of jobs. However, other than short term construction jobs, it is unlikely that this region will see any positive impact on the job front. Military personnel will staff the system, correct and what number of people? I cannot see this positively impacting the local economy. Hard numbers need to be presented to the people impacted by this proposal.**

12. **Collected with the above within the past 2 years there were instances of military personnel asleep and bunker doors open. Security was totally compromised. How will people...**
Be re-assured that this won't happen here?

13. During the meeting, I asked what solid propellant was proposed for use. I was directed to 6 different people and no one knew. I would have thought that both the military and civilian folks charged with meeting with the public would have the basic piece of information. So - what propellant is proposed?

14. This area has no current infrastructure - no electric, sewer, water. The nearest water well on George Road is not sited near to serve more than 25 people. The decision on the part of Camp Ravenna was to drill it as a private well and not as a community water supply regulated by Ohio EPA.

- Are you preparing to run water, sewer, electric, etc?
- If using any current wells you need to be aware of all drinking water regulations.

15. The facility layout example shows a
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. IS THIS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR SANITARY WASTEWATER?
WILL YOU BE LOOKING FOR A PERMIT OR TO TIE INTO AN EXISTING COMMUNITY'S SYSTEM?

16. ON THE FACILITY LAYOUT EXAMPLE - ARE YOU PROPOSING ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANKS (ASTs) OR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (USTs)?
   A. WHAT TYPE(S) OF SECONDARY CONTAINMENT WILL BE IN PLACE (ASTs)?
   B. WHAT TYPE(S) OF LEAK DETECTION SYSTEMS WILL BE IN PLACE (USTs)?

[EX: FULL TANK STORAGE, EX: OXIDIZER TANK STORAGE, FULL STORAGE, UREA, ETC.]

* A.B. ON THIS LAYOUT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ACRONYM LIST

17. ON THE FACILITY LAYOUT EXAMPLE:
   A. WHAT ARE THE EXPLOSIVE COMPONENTS THAT WILL BE STORED? HOW?
   B. THE GROUND BURIED INTERCEPTOR (GBI) GUIDE INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO EXPLOSIVE COMPONENT, SO HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS DISCREPANCY?
18. Need a better explanation of the potential construction methods - above/below ground.

19. On the Camp Ravenna Environmental Areas Map, there is a significant amount of other data and studies other than what is summarized here. It needs to be used.

20. How accurate is this system in terms of hitting the intended target?

21. The proposed location for Camp Ravenna is more towards the southern part of the installation. What about noise mitigation (etc.) in the event that blasting needs to be done? This could be disruptive to neighbors and local community.

22. Please note that the surface water quality within the installation is generally very good (in areas studied). In fact, Sand Creek is the home to the Mountain Brook Lamprey, a state endangered/threatened species. It is critical to protect these areas.
23. I WOULD HOPE THAT FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS DO NOT TAKE THE FORMAT OF AN OPEN HOUSE. ALL AN OPEN HOUSE DOES IS PREVENT FREE DIALOGUE AND THE ABILITY TO HEAR OTHER'S INPUT. IT ALSO RESULTED IN ME HAVING TO ASK 6 PEOPLE ABOUT THE SOLID PROPELLANT -- AND NOT GETTING AN ANSWER.

24. WHAT COORDINATION WILL BE DONE WITH LOCAL SAFETY FORCES - FIRE EMS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) ETC.

25. WHAT ARE THE COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING FACILITIES SUCH AS THIS?

Again, I am totally opposed to the CIS from both humanitarian and environmental perspectives.

Eileen T. Mohr
12 August 2014
Joseph A. Mosyjowski, Portage County Resident

MR. MOSYJOWSKI: Okay, I'm ready. Our country just spent two trillion, with a T, dollars in Iraq. Recently you have to wonder why, because we certainly haven't made any progress in uniting the country or bringing people together. Our country also has a $17 trillion deficit. Where is this money coming from?

Regarding this Star Wars thing they want to build here in Portage County, several issues come to mind. Number one, the population is way higher than any of the other sites that they considered constructing this boondoggle on. I don't think they should construct anything of this nature, which makes us all targets, in an area so populated.

But the real reason I want to talk is, I think -- and this is, this is my honest opinion -- I think, I don't know what this project is costing, but I think they should take this project, take half of the money, half of the budget for this project, and hand it to the politically connected military contractor, just hand it to them to
build nothing.

I think they should then take the rest of the money, the other 50 percent; I think they should put it into fixing city combined sewer systems, and that will create more jobs, and we'll all end up with clean water.

This state doesn't need missiles or missile defense. It needs clean water. We've had a river that burned. We've had our fourth largest city in the state that you can't drink the water. We need infrastructure improvements. We need jobs here at home.

This project is not going to create jobs. They will be short, short duration construction-type project jobs and nothing to show for it after. We need sustainable jobs, and we need clean water. We need investment in infrastructure. We don't need pie-in-the-sky Star Wars.

Thank you.

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November 20, 2013

VADM James Syring, USN
Director, Missile Defense Agency
5700 18th Street
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5573

Dear Vice Admiral Syring:

As business and community leaders throughout Portage County, Ohio, we welcomed the announcement that Camp Ravenna Joint Training Center was included on the list of possible locations for a potential third Ground-based Defense missile defense system. We would be honored to be the location for this defense facility.

Portage County and the surrounding area in Northeast Ohio offers the vital support needed to ensure that such a project would be a success. Camp Ravenna has a number of unique advantages to offer. Our geographic location offers a vibrant and skilled construction and manufacturing workforce; convenient transportation access (including major airports and landing strips, highways, waterways and rail); a network of world-renowned research, higher education and medical systems; and a patriotic community ready to stand with you and support this project, and the national security needs of our nation.

Those who currently work at Camp Ravenna are cherished members of the community and we would welcome the additional workforce needed for such an important mission. In a recent endorsement of the project, our local independent fact checker and newspaper, The Record-Courier wrote about the potential location:

"It is federally owned, so no land acquisition would be involved; it is close to manufacturing and research facilities, which could provide support during construction of the base; and it also is near railroads and other infrastructure. All could be points in favor of locating the base at the former Army ammunition facility known as the Ravenna Arsenal." (Oct. 23, 2013).

We know you have already begun a detailed analysis of this and other sites to ensure the best choice for this potential project. As you continue this data collection and analysis, we stand ready to work with you to ensure all potential inquiries are answered and would welcome the opportunity to work as a community to rectify any issues you may identify with the area that could impact the suitability of Camp Ravenna for this mission. We trust you will find no better option than that of Portage County and the Camp Ravenna site for this potential capability.

As you are aware, Camp Ravenna has a long history of contributing to our national security from its days as an arsenal during the Second World War to its role as a National Guard training facility today. This site and the surrounding community stands ready to continue serving our nation, and we look forward to working with you on this endeavor.
Sincerely,

Maureen P. Frederick
Commissioner
Portage County

Tommie Jo Massilo
Commissioner
Portage County

Kevin Lewis
President
Portage Community Bank

Sue Fields
Trustee
Dimondfield Township

David Kline
Mayor
City of Tallmadge

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John Ryan
Vice President
Hometown Bank

Donald Pavlik
Senior Vice President
PNC Bank

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Nicholas Browning
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Joe Porrow
Property Manager
Geis Companies

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Executive Director
The Portage Foundation

Dave Vaughan
Executive Director
Neighborhood Development Services, Inc

Thomas Chema
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Hiram College

Elizabeth Barry
President & CEO
Delta Systems, Inc.

Joseph Bica Jr.
Mayor
City of Ravenna

Warren Dix
Publisher
Record Publishing Company

Stephen Colecchi
President & CEO
Robinson Memorial Hospital

Holly Mayernick
Regional Director
Infinity Resources, Inc.

See attached
CC: US Senator Rob Portman
    US Senator Sherrod Brown
    US Congressman Tim Ryan
Missed the meeting.
Please bring it here. WE NEED JOBS and the country needs the security.

Thank you,
Tina Ratcliff
From: Roy Richards
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 10:33 AM
To: MDA.CIS.EIS
Subject: Comment

Categories: Blue Category

To Whom it may concern:
I was unable to attend the meeting in Ravenna on the 5th but wanted to voice my personal opinion on the possibility of the missile site being located at Camp Ravenna. I am totally in favor of adding another layer of protection for America. I don't mind it being in my back yard, look forward to the jobs it'll produce and will encourage my Representatives to support it.

Sincerely,
Roy D. Richards

Sent from my iPad
O.J. Schneider, Attorney for 50 years in Ravenna

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. I'm 88 years old. I was a lawyer in the City of Ravenna for about 50 years. I'm now retired.

In my lifetime and my recollection, I remember when this arsenal in Ravenna was developed and built back in 1940. In fact, we had a 55-acre farm out there. During the time they built this arsenal in 1940, they built that arsenal in less than a year, and it was the biggest arsenal in the world.

And while they were building the arsenal, there were about 25,000 employees during the construction period. And then after it went into production of arms, bombs and such, they had about 20,000 employees. That property has been government property for 75 years, and it has laid vacant for about the last 50 years.

This, this town and this area handled the construction of the arsenal and all the people that came with it with no problem at all, and I'm sure we could handle the construction of this missile unit without any problem. And it would be a fine addition to this area.
That's probably enough.

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Date: 8-6-14

I think there should of been a presentation to the public so everyone could hear the same information & concerns of others.

Many of us would like a informational session.

Name: ____________________________
Affiliation: ________________________
Street Address: ____________________
City, State, Zip Code: ______________
Email: ____________________________
George Sosebee

MR. SOSEBEE: Okay, first of all, this open house format was very disappointing because it's so diffuse and you don't know what question is being asked over here that's being answered that you wanted to know and so on. So there's no one source. You get different answers.

And then I was really dismayed when I realized that the brochure had simply, the pages of the brochure had simply been copied and put throughout the gym as if somehow I couldn't quite read the brochure, and so it was a double. And so when you went to the different page of the brochure, it was just people reading the same stuff that was in the brochure. So I got very little. I found a couple people that told me stuff I didn't know, but the rest of it was just reciting the brochure.

Then the second thing is the huge asset for Portage County. It's a 21,000-something acres that we'll never have again, and this anti-ballistic missile system only uses 600 acres out of 21,000, and it just seems like we're
losing out on something that could have -- could have
provided a huge tax base, could provide a stream of
income. From the military we got no taxes, no property
taxes, no anything.

Next, we become a high-priority target. And, you
know, Russia or China, whomever, is going to target the
places that's going to try and knock down their missiles.
And that also leads me to the worry that doesn't a good
missile defense system make you more likely to have a
missile exchange or missile war? Because if I feel I can
knock down all my enemy's missiles, it kind of gives me
the feeling that I can attack them and not suffer the
retribution because I can knock down their missiles. We
just saw this in Israel on a much smaller scale.

And there's a -- the Ravenna Arsenal is still a
superfund site. I looked online, and they talk it's been
a superfund site for a number of years, and it's going to
continue to be until 2018. And it's interesting that
we're considering a superfund site where to put a
footprint of the Army, the Defense Department. I didn't
understand that.

And it's just, more than becoming a bitter opponent,
it's just confusing. A lot of this is confusing. You
know, I don't walk out of here saying, you know, no nukes
today or whatever, you know; but it's confusing, so much
confusion.

Like this kind of -- why not have just a guy standing
up, give a presentation, and answer questions. This open
house where you're reproducing a brochure is Mickey Mouse.
I mean, that, that's the only thing. I can't describe it
any other way. And Walt Disney probably wouldn't be happy
with this.

But anyway, thank you.

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My concerns as a citizen in Lawrence:

1) What are the dangers to the population?

2) Does not the presence of such an intercept device make the whole area, including local population, significantly more targeted?

3) Environmental impact: water, noise

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K-71
Mary Tabatcher

MS. TABATCHER: My primary comments are that I'm completely opposed to this. I believe that our world has been so militarized that freedoms all over the world have been compromised to the point where we don't even know what freedom is anymore.

The United States has military involvement in more countries than not. About the only ones that we don't have some military involvement are in Russia and China. And we have proliferated this world with weapons to the point where our own economy has suffered because of the massive amount of military expenditures.

Right now I understand that these interceptors have one warhead. It's a non-nuclear warhead. But guaranteed that the warheads coming into this site -- and we will be a big X on the map for any country who has any issue with us and determines that they're going to launch a nuclear strike; we're going to be a big X on that map -- and those warheads coming in are multiple warheads and those are nuclear warheads.

Basically I feel that we would be asking for constant
airplanes overhead, constant military vehicle traffic, and I'm afraid it would seriously affect all of our property values. I believe that the few jobs that we would gain are not worth selling our soul to the devil. Basically that's what we've done in our attempt to imperialize the world.

I know that in the Czech Republic and Poland, they've agreed at one point to have these interceptor ballistic missile sites, and Czech, the people of Czechoslovakia had such a large citizen initiative against it that it had never been seen since the Velvet Revolution.

The Poles agreed. When they agreed, Russia warned Poland -- and this is a quote -- that exposing itself to attack, even a nuclear one, by accepting U.S. missile interceptors on its soil, that Poland, by deploying that system, is exposing itself to a strike 100 percent.

The Union of Concerned Scientists and the Security Studies Program at MIT have all concluded that any country capable of deploying a long-range missile would also be able to deploy counter measures that would defeat the planned NMD system, national missile defense system. China has already evolved and they're developing a hypersonic wide missile capable of penetrating any U.S. missile defenses.
Right now United States spends basically only
29 percent of its budget on discretionary spending. Of
that 29 percent, 55 percent of it is military
expenditures. So United States is going without
infrastructure, education, people programs, all the things
that make a society great. Ours is deteriorating because
we put so much of our resources into the military.

And I honestly believe that we either are going to
evolve beyond this need to militarize and imperialize the
world or this country is going to continue to
deterioration. None of us will recognize what this
country is because we're all going to be prisoners of a
military industrial state.

The police are already being militarized all over
this country. There's police abuse going on everywhere.
A lot of the equipment that they've all got right now are
all military equipment. And I don't happen to like that
paradigm that's coming down the pike.

I want my children and grandchildren to grow up free
like I did, or at least some semblance of freedom, that
you can walk into any public place and not be photographed
and face recognition and, you know, all the things that
we're doing now that's taking away all of our freedoms.

And having a missile base right here in Ravenna is
just going to make everybody in this area literally
paranoid, and we're already paranoid about what's going on
in this country. This is just going to feed that more.

All of this meeting here, I'm really shocked. I
expected a public meeting where people could get up and
make public comments and that the council would be there
to hear our -- what we have to say.

As far as I'm concerned, this is a propaganda
meeting. It's, okay, we see your pretty pictures and we
have all these nice military people dressed in their
pretty uniforms, but the truth of the matter is, a lot of
people in this country aren't thinking anymore. They are
so programmed to think that the world can only be one way,
that we have to be dominant, we have to be supreme; and
the truth of the matter is, that perceived dominance is
killing our country.

And I, for one, want my children to grow up under a
different system than the one I grew up, where I was
ducking my head under a desk, as if that would protect us
from a nuclear bomb.

You know, our country's suffering now from Fukushima,
you know, the major nuclear disaster of our age. And we
haven't even seen the full ramifications other than
wildlife mutations, all the things that are happening on
our west coast. You know, you can't eat the fish anymore. All of that is because of nuclear, and they want to proliferate it even more.

And as far as I'm concerned, I am totally opposed, my husband's opposed, our whole family is opposed. We don't want it, and I hope the people of Ravenna have some sense and can see through this cloud that's being created here tonight and think about what the full ramifications of this would be for our whole society.

And that's all I have to say. Amen.

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MR. TADSEN: I think the community support for this program and plan is very good. I think that the plan itself is good for the community and the entire Portage County area. The concept behind the MDA is a very sound one, and it's operating exceptionally well in Israel right now.

So with that in mind, I can't see that there's any kind of significant risk to the citizens of Portage County or any of the local communities surrounding Camp Ravenna, and there's nothing but benefit for everyone in this area by having it become actual.

That's all she wrote.

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Clyde Watson, Portage County Airport

MR. WATSON: My area of principal concern is Portage County Airport, and if this facility is built in the Ravenna Arsenal, how is that going to impact operations at the airport? I'm expecting there's going to be some draconian rules and regulations established about using the airport.

I don't want to see what took place at College Park, Maryland Airport, which is about three, maybe four miles to the north of the capitol. When you come in to land at College Park, you can see the capitol building. The rules and regulations regarding landing at College Park are what I call draconian. I do not want to see that at Portage County Airport. And because of the proximity of Portage County Airport to where this missile base will be, all I can see is a repeat of the College Park, Maryland Airport problem.

And there's, I was telling this other gentleman, there's three airports there in Washington, D.C. College Park is only one of them, and they're generally referred
to as the D.C. Three, and they've all got these highly
restrictive rules and regs. You've got to dance through a
lot of hoops to be able to get into College Park,
Maryland, and that's right there at Washington, D.C. You
can park there on the ramp, go across the street to the
Metro station and ride all over Washington. It's a good
way of seeing Washington, D.C.

If I want to do that again -- I did it in 1997 -- if
I want to do it again, I've got to go through all kinds of
rigmarole and complications. I do not want to see that at
Portage County.

Now, maybe if they -- if they build this base and
they stick it far enough to the east, of course, that
would probably affect Youngstown Municipal Airport. If
they build it to the west, it's going to impact Portage
County Airport. That's only about ten statute miles. So
that's my concern.

The other concern I had when I came in here, those
two have been pretty much answered. What's going to
happen to the debris when a missile goes off and hits
something that's incoming? Are we going to have rocket
casings come crashing down on homes and businesses? I was
told no, that the impact would be way up there in the
upper atmosphere, and something would be dissolved by the
time it got down here and would disintegrate.

And the other one I was wondering about, what is there around here that they want to put a missile base in to protect? Well, it turns out they're doing the whole east coast; it's not just here. So those two issues went out the window.

That just still leaves Portage County Airport. So between what I've told you and what I wrote down on the paper that's supposed to go in the bin over there, I guess the point's well-covered.

That's it.

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Date: 5 Aug 14

My principal area of concern is that if the CONUS/CIS is built at the Rownanna Arsenal, how will this impact operations at the Portage County Airport (POV). POV is approximately 10 statute miles west of the Rownanna Arsenal and I, as a pilot who is based at POV, do not want to see a whole bunch of airspace restrictions similar to what now exists at College Park Airport in Washington, D.C. In the general area around Washington, D.C., there are 3 airports, known as the "DC-3," where airspace restrictions are absolutely draconian! If College Park, MD Airport is one of the "DC-3" airports, I do not want to see this occur at POV.

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John Weber

MR. WEBER: I'd just like to say that I am in favor of installing this missile defense silo in Ravenna. It would be a wonderful economic boon for the community, both in terms of investment of capital and ongoing jobs.

It would be a great thing for our country to have a defense, a missile defense location on the eastern seaboard to defend the eastern part of the country. And I understand it's a non-nuclear facility that would be designed solely to defend our country against missiles coming in.

That's good enough.

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Date: August 5, 2014 — eve of Hiroshima Day

The NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty) of 1968, Section VI, calls for an end of the arms race and for nuclear disarmament.

The CIS consideration — and certainly its construction — clearly violates the NPT to which the USA is a signatory.

Humanity needs and deserves a world without any nuclear weapons anywhere.

Make the USA a nuclear-free zone.

Name: Dr. Werner Lange
Affiliation: University of Akron
Patrick Womack, United States Navy (Retired)

MR. WOMACK: I've spent a few moments talking with some of the people here, and as far as my questions go, they seem very ill-equipped to answer them.

I'm concerned about militarizing our border with Canada without giving a second thought to what Canada thinks about it. It's clear that that's not even a consideration at this point.

I'm concerned about putting something close to my children that would make us a target. And I'm concerned with the fact that our government is willing to spend millions and millions of dollars to maybe spend millions of more dollars on missiles we don't need while Detroit is becoming a third world country. Wild animals are moving back into Detroit. People do not have running water. But we want to build more bombs.

And I've been told this is in defense of our homeland, but from where I stand, it looks like we care more about the guns that we're supposedly defending our homeland than we do about our homeland itself.

It's frustrating and it's appalling. And I can't
even begin to fathom how this is logically or morally sound.

That's it.

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Date: 8/28/14

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED INTERCEPTOR SITE AT CAMP RAVENNA, OHIO. MY CONCERN IS WITH SHORTFALL. THAT IS THE REASON THE AIR FORCE LOCATED ITS LAUNCH SITES ON THE COASTS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT LAUNCH SAFETY HAS PROGRESSED SINCE THE EARLY MISSILE TESTS AT CAPE CANAVERAL. HOWEVER, THAT RECORD DIDN'T HELP THE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE DEBRIS FROM THAT DISASTER HAD RAINED DOWN ON DISNEY WORLD INSTEAD OF DOWN RANGE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN?

THIS IS A WEAPON SYSTEM AND WOULD HAVE TO BE TESTED. WHILE THE LOCAL AREA MIGHT BE SAFE, WHAT ABOUT THE POPULATIONS OF YOUNGSTOWN OR PA OR NY?

I BELIEVE THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER MISSILE SITE TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY, BUT I WOULD THINK THAT THE MAINE SITE WOULD BE MUCH SAFER IN THIS REGARD.

THank YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO BE HEARD.

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What are the possible environmental impacts on West Branch Lake Milton and Burton Res? Will water quality, wildlife habitat or water levels be impacted? If so, how?

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